



# TOWN OF REIDVILLE

## Community Newsletter

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### Year in Review 2007

Happy New Year to all! In keeping with tradition this is the annual "Year In Review" Newsletter. On behalf of Council and Staff we wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2008!

#### JANUARY

Christmas Sparkle 2006:

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Wyatt & Ruby Goosney (\$50.00 & certificate)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Dean & Darlene Pittman (\$25.00 & certificate)

**Honorable Mention:** Wilfred & Marjorie Curlew (certificate)

#### FEBRUARY

**Come Home Year:** The Reidville Recreation Committee along with the Reidville Volunteer Fire Department were contemplating holding a "Come Home Year" for Reidville for about 2008. This idea can only come to life if there is interest from residents to help out!

**Adopt a Spot:** Council would like residents to ponder an idea ... in some other towns on the island, this idea has worked. The basis behind it is that a family would take an area of the town and "adopt" it - keep an eye on it, make sure there is no debris around, that sort of thing.

#### MARCH

**Volunteer Drive:** The Reidville Recreation Committee Inc. is in trouble! They are in urgent need of new members or will have no choice but to fold. Currently, with the small numbers that they have, everyone is pushed to the limit. If this is a way you would like to give back to your town, please contact Bonnie Reid at 635-3462 or Donna Rumbolt at 635-3637.

#### APRIL

**Telephone Banking:** Council begins the process of setting up Telephone Bill Payment Service. This will allow residents and businesses in the area to pay on their accounts via telephone and/or internet banking.

**Volunteer Appreciation Week:** Volunteer Appreciation Week was honored in the province during the week of April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Town of Reidville honored the major volunteers in our town at a Community function at the Reidville Community Hall on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Recreation Grant:** The Town of Reidville is pleased to announce that with the assistance of our MHA, Dwight Ball, the Recreation Committee has received a \$500.00 grant to assist with the painting of the Community Hall.

#### MAY

**Spring Clean up:** Council set the clean up dates for **Thursday, May 17, Friday, May 18 and Thursday May 31 to Friday June 1**. Please see below the pickup schedule for your area:

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Reidville Road, odd Civic Numbers

Community Square

Community Square Extension

Herb Street/Pearl's Lane/Forest Road

Elms Street

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Reidville Road, even Civic numbers

Old Rocky Brook Road

Rocky Brook Road/Reid's Lane

Circular Road/Circular Road Ext.

Riverview Road

**May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Any remaining debris not able to be picked up on above dates due to time restraints

**Public Meeting:** On **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.** The Town of Reidville held a Public Meeting to discuss the *Strategic Economic Plan* that council has adopted. Copies are available for viewing at the council office. All residents were encouraged to attend as this is the future of our town..

**Summer Student Employment:** Council accepted resumes for Summer employment. All student that are interested were asked to drop off a resume to the council office.

#### JUNE

**Special Thank-you:** A big Thank-you goes out to Maise Ginn who, through the Wellness for Life, donated a beautiful home made quilt. This item made more than \$1000.00 which went toward the Fireman's Truck Fund. The quilt was drawn for at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on May 12, 2007. The lucky winner was Ida Patey!

#### JULY

**Special Thank-you:** A big Thank-you goes out to Gerry Dobbins who donated a beautiful home made gun belt.

This item made more than \$1000.00 which went toward the Fireman's Truck Fund.

The Gun Belt was drawn for at the Firemen's Breakfast on June 16, 2007. The lucky winner was Sandy Caines! Thank-you: Council would like to extend a sincere thank-you to the Reidville Recreation Committee for purchasing 2 new stoves for the Community Hall. This serves to be a great asset to the Community Hall as well as to the Fireman for their fundraiser breakfast.

Summer Student Employment: Council is pleased to announce the summer student employment program was underway. Hired this summer were:

- Cody McKay    Jeremy Curlew
- Wendy Reid    Andrew Guy
- Joshua Rumbolt    Kayla Serrick
- Diedra Snow

AUGUST \_\_\_\_\_

Roadway Litter: In seven weeks the summer students picked up litter along reidville Road as well as the by-roads twice. By the end of summer it was as if their hard work was not appreciated as the roadways were littered with garbage and debris. Council would like to advise residents that this act is a criminal offence.

Roaming Dogs: a number of complaints were placed at the council office regarding roaming dogs. Animal Control was increased in the area, and the RCMP were contacted.

SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Economic Development Committee: The Reidville Economic Development Committee had their first meeting on Thursday, September 27 @ 7 pm at the council office.

This committee was formed through the Strategic Economic Planning meetings held during the Spring. Any residents interested in being a member of this committee were asked to please contact the council office.

Town Inspection: Due to the increased amount of unsightly wrecked vehicles and metal debris around properties and the lack of cooperation in getting these items removed, during the week of September 17 thru to September 24 members of council viewed areas throughout town.

Residents will be notified with a time line to have these items removed.

Council would like to thank all residents in advance for their cooperation.

OCTOBER \_\_\_\_\_

Vandalism: Over the past several weeks of October there were numerous reports to the council office regarding vandalism in the town (signs tore down, residents personal property destroyed, the community hall break in and, damage to the area near the mailbox site). These acts have been reported to the RCMP, however if any residents has any information on any of these acts of vandalism council is asking that you report your information to the council office or contact the RCMP.

Council is kindly asking all residents to be diligent and aware of things going on around them. You may think

it's only minor but it could lead to something major. It's your town, lets all help keep it safe and free from such acts.....

NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Firemen of the Year: On November 10, the Reidville Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Fireman's Ball - and what a success it was. Congratulations go out to Owen Pittman who received "Fireman of the Year".

Speeding: There has been many reports to the council office regarding speeding on the bi-roads. RCMP patrol in the area has been increased and council wishes to remind residents of the children in these areas.

DECEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Budget 2008: Council has adopted the budget for the 2008 taxation year as such:

Property Tax	8.5 mils
Commercial Industrial Water	\$569
Commercial Other Water	\$375
Commercial Farmer Water	\$537
Residential Water	\$250
Business Tax:	
Farmers-wholesale (\$200 min)	3.5 mils
Farmers-Retail (\$200 min)	5.5 mils
Confectionery(\$200 min)	8.5 mils
Home Based Business (\$200 min)	85 mils
Logging/Contract/	
Accommodations (\$200 min)	8.5 mils
Surveying (\$200 min)	8.5 mils
Meat Cutter (\$200 minimum)	8.5 mils
Backhoe Hire (\$200 min)	8.5 mils
Utilities	2.5%
Poll Tax	\$250.00

<b>Revenue anticipated:</b>	
Taxes	\$221,915
Grants in lieu of taxes	\$0.00
Sale of Goods & Services	\$24,998
Other Revenue from own sources	\$0.00
Government Transfers	\$87,491
Other transfers	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$334,404</b>

<b>Expenditures anticipated:</b>	
General Government	\$123,326
Protective Services	\$14,485
Transportation Services	\$73,964
Environmental Health	\$24,800
Planning and Development	\$1500
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$10,000
Fiscal Services	\$86,329
Other Services	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$334,404</b>

Santa Claus Parade: Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their annual Santa Claus Parade. **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1 pm

Christmas Sparkle: Council would like to remind all residents to get into the Christmas spirit. Judges will be circulating the area on December 20. This will be the town's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Sparkle. We lit up our little town in a big way last year so everyone - let's spread that Holiday Cheer! Good Luck!