



Canoe Cove Community Association  
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## 2018 Annual Report

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### Introduction

2018 was an eventful year for our community and our community association. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those who have put forward the best of themselves time after time to help build and strengthen the Canoe Cove Community Association and in turn the community as a whole.

There are so many time pressures on all of us, we all know that time is not a small thing to give. It is truly rewarding to see so many people with a sense of community that is so often missing in our lives, focus on a goal and achieve it.

### Activities

This year we had a busy year of activities in the Cove.

The Community Sleigh Ride was held March 4, 2018 and we had 29 people attend with about half heading back for the supper.

The highly anticipated Perennial Sale was once again a huge success. It was held June 3, 2018 and a large crowd was able to grab a coffee, tea or muffin while they chose amongst the various and plentiful perennials, or picked up a bag of manure or mushroom compost.

The Rhubarb Social was held June 13, 2018, as always, well attended. Thank you to all who volunteered.

We held a Mi'qmak celebration this spring in honour of our original Canoe Cove residents; this was an even to mark the addition of the Mi'qmak welcome to the signs at each end of the Cove. The event was well attended, MLA Peter Bevan-Baker, Chief Brian Francis & Chief Matilda Ramjattan were honoured guests, along with many from the Mi'qmak community and residents of the Cove. A Pot Luck and sweet grass ceremony was held. It was a great event.

The Strawberry Social was held July 12, 2018. The event was very successful raising over \$1000.

The community Pot Luck was November 3, 2018. We made the decision last year to hold a Pot Luck instead of the Bean Supper; this event is fast becoming a fall favourite.

The Living Nativity was held December 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and although this event is not a CCCA initiative, this event is a holiday favourite of so many residents and visitors alike. The Christmas Open Houses and the Christmas Concert are also a big part of the community spirit that has been built by the efforts of our Women's Institute, a huge thank you to all who worked to run the events.

### **Actions**

We had a great deal of effort by many members to gather signatures for a petition to be presented to the legislature on behalf of Canoe Cove residents. The petition called for better road clearing/ maintenance during the winter months. Unfortunately, although we collected hundreds of signatures, there was a misunderstanding of the exact legal requirements for the form of the petition. The petition was tabled but was not able to be read in full. There was note taken of residents in the area with the current level of service. Disappointingly, there is no requirement from the government for an official response.

We decided to provide free entry to events for those who have donated goods or services to our events, this takes the form of a free 'pass' for any resident donating to the even. We felt this was a small token of our appreciation.

We added a couple of items to the outside of the School House this year. In the spring it was noted that the barriers to stop traffic from parking on the lawn were in need of replacement and as such it was decided to replace them with picnic tables. These were put to great use this summer.

In a similar vein there was a resident request to install a basketball ring at the end of the parking lot and we were able to provide a moveable ring which was well accepted.

There are changes coming from the South Shore Council; it is still too early to see what impact this will have on our Association or residents. We will follow the Amalgamation process closely.

Ben Garro

Chair, CCCA