

# Town of Witless Bay

## *Late Summer Newsletter*

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### **TIDY TOWNS**

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with Witless Bay's bid for the Tidy Towns competition this year! Going around the town with the judges, it was easy to be proud of what our many volunteers, service groups & committee members had done to shine up the town! Thank you to everyone who pitched in today, yesterday, last week, and over the past months - it was a fantastic community-wide effort! Nothing left to do now but cross our fingers, since the results will be announced next month!

### **HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

The Heritage Committee's "Name this Thing" contest was a great success at the PuffinFest. The antiques sure kept a lot of people guessing! Congratulations to the two contest winners: Colleen Dalton and Alexa Pynn!

### **SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>: COME OUT TO MEET THE FOLKLORE STUDENTS!**

A group of Masters and Ph.D. students will be spending three weeks in Witless Bay this September, working to record our town's traditions and customs. They get here on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, so we're organizing a meet-and-greet at the new rec centre! Come join us for supper and a time, and don't forget your instruments! Mummers allowed in!

### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

During the Fall and Winter, the Community Enhancement Committee will be switching to monthly meetings. Meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm. New members of all ages are always welcome!

### **PUFFIN PATROL**

The Witless Bay Puffin Patrol is having its busiest year ever: the patrol has rescued a whopping 468 baby birds so far, only one week after the first pufflings fledged from the reserve. Once on shore, a puffling's chance of survival is very slim, and the great majority fall prey to cars, domestic animals, and hunger. During the next few weeks (called "Puffin Savings Time"), please dim or turn off unnecessary lights. Puffins are easily trapped in window wells, so if you have them on your house, please check them each morning.

Please drive carefully at nights, and watch out for patrollers. If you spot a lost puffin, please call Leah Mahoney at 743-4019 so that the Puffin Patrol can come capture it. If you are interested in helping rescue and release these birds or learn more about the mitigation measures recommended, please visit the C-PAWS Website ([www.cpaws.org](http://www.cpaws.org)) or the Patrol's Facebook page ("Witless Bay Puffin Patrol"). If you want to install more puffin-friendly lights, C-PAWS-NL will distribute these bulbs for FREE – contact them at [nlpuffinpatrol@cpaws.org](mailto:nlpuffinpatrol@cpaws.org)

# **PLANNING RETREAT**

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Witless Bay's Town Council is interested in what YOU have to say about the town's future in terms of business & tourism development! Join us for this strategic planning retreat, where we'll imagine all the incredible things that Witless Bay could become if we set our minds to it!

***There IS such a thing as a free lunch!***

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8:45am to 4:15pm** (New time!)

**Town Office**

**Please register – space is limited!**

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