

# Town of Witless Bay

## Spring Newsletter

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**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> – KINSMEN COMMUNITY CLEANUP:** Witless Bay’s annual spring cleanup is taking place on SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). To prepare the Town for this summer's provincial Tidy Towns and National Communities in Bloom contests, we’re aiming to make this the biggest cleanup ever. We’ll be attempting to break a the record we set last year for the biggest puffin ever made out of garbage! The event starts at 8:00am sharp at the Knights of Columbus Building, and is sponsored by the Town of Witless Bay, Witless Bay Home Hardware, Tim Hortons & Robin’s Donuts (who’ll be providing refreshments & snacks!).

### **MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> – OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF OUR ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM:**

Participants in Witless Bay’s Adopt-A-Spot program “adopt” and care for an area of their choice (a stretch of coastline, a trail, a public space, or the street you live on!). Sign up during the Kinsmen Cleanup! For more info, please contact Mayor Sébastien Després (334-1166).

**STUDENT SUMMER JOBS:** The Town of Witless Bay has applied for funding under the province’s Student Summer Employment program, which enables students to work in their home community during the summer, develop transferable skills, explore career interests and help non-profit organizations carry out their programs. Applicants must be residents of Witless Bay, and be undertaking Level I, II, III, or postsecondary studies in the coming year. The pay: \$10.25/hr. Deadline for submission of applications is 12:00noon, May 20, 2015.

**TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:** Over the next months, there will be roadwork throughout the community, with extensive ditching, road repairs, and shouldering being undertaken by the Town. NL Power will also be beginning the first phase of its penstock replacement project, which involves upgrading the roadway from the end of Northside Track up to the Penstock and brush cutting from the powerhouse to Gull Pond.

**PERMITS:** Spring signals the start of construction season in the town. Although the deadline for submissions is 12:00noon on the Thursday prior to each public meeting (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month), it’s a good idea to submit applications early, since this ensures that Public Works is able complete the necessary site visits and verify that applications are duly completed before the public meeting.

### **TOWN COUNCIL & STAFF WISH ALL RESIDENTS A FANTASTIC SPRING!**

Mayor Sébastien Després, Deputy-Mayor Dena Wiseman

Councillors Kevin Smart, Albert Murphy, René Estrada, Ralph Carey, & Ken Brinston

Town Clerk-Manager Geraldine Caul, Assistant clerk Barb Harrigan, Grounds/Maintenance Aiden Carey.



# COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CALENDAR

This year, the Town of Witless Bay is participating in TWO community improvement & beautification programs: “**Tidy Towns NL**” and a national competition titled “**Communities in Bloom.**” To help prepare our town, the months leading up to the judges’ visits have each been given a theme!

Here are some of the special events and activities we have planned:

## MAY

### SPRING CLEANUP

- Adopt-A-Spot program kickoff
- Kinsmen Community Cleanup
- Composting Program begins
  - Car wreck cleanup

## JUNE

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Mayor’s Hike for Heart & Stroke
  - Unveiling Adopt-a-Spot Signs
  - Community Volunteering day
    - Tidy Town Hour begins

## JULY

### COMMUNITY SPIRIT

- Puffin Patrol begins operations
- Preparations for the Puffinfest
  - Canada Day Celebrations
    - Judging Begins!



# WITLESS BAY: TIDY TOWNS 2014 WINNER

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Winning Municipalities NL's Tidy Towns competition last year was a big deal, since the competition isn't just about keeping streets clean. A Tidy Town improves Witless Bay's economic prospects, attracts business, boosts tourism, increases residents' standard of living, enhances civic pride, connects residents together, & broadens volunteer networks!

*The judges were impressed by the incredible amount of work that was done this past year to beautify the Town. A big thanks goes out to the Community Enhancement Committee, our residents and volunteers, the Heritage Committee, and our Town Council & staff. Thanks also goes out to the many community groups and associations who pitched in and donated their time and energies to this effort (the Kinsmen, The O'Connor 50+ Club, the Girl Guides, the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, the BBAA, the Puffin Patrol, St. Bernard's Elementary School, Mobile High School, the Witless Bay Regional Fire Department, and all the others!). Credit also goes out to the many businesses who helped in our Tidy Towns bid, including the Witless Bay Home Hardware, Witless Bay Ecotours, Needs Convenience, Independent Consultants Group, Felix's, & the great team at Municipalities NL!*



# So long, garbage. Hello beautiful Witless Bay!

We're happy to invite residents, families, community groups, & businesses to participate in our new Adopt-a-Spot program! This community beautification initiative formally enables residents to choose an area, adopt it, look after it, and make a visible difference! Volunteers will receive a certificate of adoption and be recognized with a sign bearing their name at their location as well as an acknowledgment on the town's Adopt-A-Spot Map. Awards will be given out for a number of Adopt-A-Spot categories!



## *Adopt-a-Spot* *Witless Bay*

**ADOPT A ROADWAY!** Choose a stretch of road and keep it beautiful, maintaining it free of garbage and debris, tending to the plants and grass, etc!

**ADOPT A SPOT!** A number of spots throughout the community are in need of being beautified with plants, flowers, shrubs & plain old TLC!

**ADOPT A TRAIL!** Why not enjoy the scenic beauty of Witless Bay's trails while contributing to the community? Sign up to keep a trail clean from litter and ensure that it remains safe for others by reporting & addressing hazards!

**ADOPT A SHORELINE!** Help out the environment and our Ecological Reserve by keeping a shoreline clean of debris and garbage!

*To sign up & help instil a pride of place in our community,  
contact Mayor Sébastien Després: 334-1166!*