

Community Spirit: Do you have what it takes?

Special

Community.

Everyone has one. Is there something extra-special about your community and its impact on those within, from and around you? We want to know!

In 2007, Her Honour Mayann Francis saw an opportunity to visibly demonstrate her heartfelt belief in communities.

The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award is one of the many ways Her Honour raises awareness and celebrates what it means to be a vibrant community making Nova Scotia a better place to live, work and play.

Now in its fourth year, The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award has recognized the communities of Annapolis Royal, Brookfield, Canso, Clare, Port Morien, Portland Estates & Hills, Sable River, Shearwater, South Mountain Arm of Gold, St. Andrews and Tatamagouche.

Each celebration is a unique reflection of the community ranging from parades, carnivals, talent shows, tea socials and luncheons. Each winning community receives Her Honour who brings a beautiful hand-crafted award of Nova Scotian Crystal with cuts emblematic of that community and its stories. Each winning community receives province-wide recognition and acknowledgement.

How do nominate your community?

The spirit of the Award requires you promote your community stories – what makes yours unique, helpful, active, welcoming, resilient and more. If you can answer 'yes' to each of the four following essential criteria, then your community should be nominated. Your community has:

1. An ability to build on unique strengths within the community;
2. A high degree of citizen participation in community projects of a wide variety range and interest;
3. Clear evidence of community pride, and
4. A focus on creating an enduring community.

Is this your community?

Let us know by bringing together local groups and supporters to nominate your community for the 2011 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award before January 31, 2011.

For more details, to view photos and submissions of previous winners and to download your entry form and application, visit our website at www.communityspiritaward.ca.

Annual hike in northern Cape Breton



Eleven hardy and enthusiastic souls walked from Meat Cove to Bay St. Lawrence in what has become an annual event, now in its 5th year. The Meat Cove Welcome Centre, due to extensive damage from the August storm, became the beginning rather than the end of the walk, which had been delayed and pushed into early November. All can attest that walking out of Meat Cove with its "slide" and minor versions of it, proves far more challenging than walking in! Pictured (left-right) are Lindsay Fairweather, Lois MacDonald, Kathy Gwyn-Brett, Linda Murray, Dave Rasmussen, Joanne Fraser, Margrit Gahlinger, Patti Mullock, Sally Ciesielski, Tamara Rasmussen and Kendra Fitzgerald.

Bronco Girls take soccer bronze



The Baddeck Bronco's girls soccer team travelled to Oxford for the NSSAF Division 4 High School Provincial Championships on November 12th and 13th. The first draw on Friday saw the Broncos up against the Cape Breton Highland Academy squad. The Bronco's played a great game but came up short on the scoreboard losing 2-0. CBHA went on to take the gold. On Saturday Baddeck and Oxford took to the pitch for the bronze. After regulation time the score was tied. Lara Kunz scored the winner for Baddeck in overtime. Pictured above are (kneeling L-R) Chelsey Parsons, Jamee Garland, Samantha Collier, Elaine MacKenzie, Lara Kunz, Taylor Pierrard, Kendra MacCuspic and Michelle Towle. Standing L-R are: Laken Cameron, Michaela Roberts, Sarah MacKay, coach Orlynn Sommerville, Harley Johnson, coach Steve MacDermid, Emily Gillis, Jazmin Nicholson, coach Jess MacDermid, Cecelia Williamson, Cassidy Smith, Gabriel Mitchelitis, Chloe Roberts, Karina Kutchta, Emma MacKenzie and Katie Reashore.

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