## Plaster Park closed to public



After a geological investigation this spring, the popular Provincial Day Park on the North Shore had to be closed to the public due to safety and liability concerns with subsidence around the sink holes for which the Park was famous. Local walkers and users of the Park are not pleased and the lack of maintenance is becoming increasingly obvious. The Department of Natural Resources is trying to figure out how to mitigate the problems so the public will be allowed back in to use the park. However, Harold Carroll, speaking for the Parks division of DNR, said it will have to be a long-term approach and that the Park will not be open this year, but hopes solutions can be found to have the park open again next year.

## NSP customer relations lacking

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"When I spoke to NS Power about the situation the first question they

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asked was, 'Why don't you have a generator?

"This is completely unacceptable," Mr. Burke replied. "I have repeatedly asked for updates from NS Power when there are outages but they claim they have no record of the power being out. Not only are we seeing more outages here but there are short bumps in the power which causes our equipment to shut down and then restart. It is extremely frustrating. The power corporation seems to have no regard for its commercial users especially one like ours which is working with a perishable product.

"If the power is going to be out for any length of time it would be very helpful if NSP would contact us. We need to know if we have to move 200,000 lbs. of product in the middle of the night to keep it from spoiling."

Insurance will cover some of the Victoria Fisheries losses, but not all of the costs. "And if we have to install a generator it will be another \$150,000 expense which would be completely unnecessary if our power provider

यर्वर स्वराज्य स्वराज would do their job."

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## **Community Spirit** Award celebrations

St. Ann's Bay

Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis will be in Victoria County along the North Shore, in St. Ann's and North River on July 30th to participate in The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award ceremony.

This year St. Ann's Bay/North Shore is following in the footsteps of its sister communities - Port Morien (2008), South Mountain Arm of Gold and St. Andrew's (2009), Canso (2010) and East River Valley, Pictou County (2011) - by winning a Lieutenant Governor Community Spirit Award. And what could be a more fitting way to celebrate than a community lobster dinner?

"It really is exciting," says Ruth Schneider, long-time resident and community volunteer, "and our community loves a good party!"

While the spellbinding community surroundings along the renowned Cabot Trail are a reason you might visit, it's the people, their passion and their purpose living there that could lure you to stay at St. Ann's Bay/North Shore. This community embodies all the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award stands for and is the second of four communities to receive the award this

What makes this community special is its thriving economy created by design - literally. This includes home grown industries such as leather, writing, magazine publishing, iron work, photography and theatre in addition to their intentional strategy of focusing on social development, health, education and security - knowing these all lead to economic prosperity.

The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award was created in 2007 to recognize and celebrate communities throughout Nova Scotia that demonstrate a high level of pride and citizen participation and the community's unique strengths. The Award is made possible because of the generous support of corporate sponsor Nova Scotia Power Inc. and media sponsor Transcontinental Media Inc. as well as Metro News Halifax. It is hosted by the United Way of Halifax Region.

Some of the Community Spirit Award events include a Lobster Supper & Cultural Event Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 6 p.m. at North Shore & District Fire Hall, Indian Brook with the Award Presentation by The Honourable Mayann Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and on Sunday, July 31, at 2:30 p.m. there will be a Cultural Event at the North River Community Hall; Sponsored by the St. Ann's Bay Players and the Cabot Trail Writers Festival.

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