

### SPRING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!!! IT IS TIME TO START SPRING CLEANING!!



#### Town Cleanup

A town cleanup has been planned for the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking all residents to please get out and help clean up the sides of the roads and beaches. The plan is to also clean up Gargamelle Cove again so any help would be appreciated. Bags and gloves can be supplied for those who are willing to help. If everyone picked up even one bag of garbage it would make a difference. More info will be provided closer to the date. In the meantime, we are encouraging all residents to clean up around their own properties by fixing and painting fences & garbage boxes, mowing grass, tidying away any unsightly items etc. (Garbage boxes on the sides of the road should not look like garbage.)

Council would like to thank all the residents and fishermen who have already cleaned and continue to clean up their properties. We appreciate the pride fishermen are putting into painting their sheds and keeping their area garbage free and tidying their equipment and gear best they can. It looks great. We encourage others to do the same. **Come Home Year** is next year, and it would be a great way to **Welcome Home** our friends and family.



#### Clean up Week:

##### **NORpen Waste Management**

No date has been set for cleanup weeks with NORpen yet. We will let you know when a date has been set. This will be a time to get rid of any bigger items like furniture etc. that needs to go to the dump. In the meantime, you can gather together your items to get them ready.

The number for Norpen is 454-3110. Webpage is: [www.Norpenservices.ca](http://www.Norpenservices.ca)

**Dump Hours:** Tuesday thru Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm)



**Come Home Year Committee:** The date for the Come Home Year is **August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Fundraising is ongoing and plans are still being finalized. There is a Facebook page set up to keep you informed of activities etc.; **Port au Choix Come Home Year 2020**. Also, the committee is looking for addresses/emails where they can send invitations. If you have any, please pass them along to the members. Anyone who would like to join the committee can contact the group. Come Home Year can't happen without your support and commitment!



**Canada Day Activities:** Last July a notice was posted looking for people to form a committee to plan Canada Day Activities for this year. To date there is still no committee in place. Canada Day will soon be here. If you would like to volunteer/join the committee you can contact Councillor Todd House @ 861-7213 or leave your name at the council office.



**Chase the Ace:** The Stadium Board and Come Home Year Committee have started a Chase the Ace. The event takes place at the Sea Gull Lounge on Sunday's. Tickets can be purchased from 6:30 until 8:15. Ticket draw is at 8:30. There is also a 50/50 draw every night. For more info and prize amounts check out their Facebook page. **Twin Town Sports Complex/Port au Choix Come Home Year Chase the Ace.** The jackpot is now close to \$6000.



#### Town Taxes:

There was no early bird discount this year as council lowered the Mill rate from 11 down to 9 and reduced the water/sewer tax by \$20. (Property taxes are charged base on the value of your property x the mill rate and then divided by 1000. For example, if your property is valued at \$50,000, you would multiply that by 9 and then divide by 1000. Your property tax would be \$450.) Seniors who are 65 or older qualify for a 20% discount on their personal property tax. You must present an ID showing age to receive the discount. And it must be done in the year you turn 65, there is no retroactive reduction for years missed.



**Tax Arrears: Due Date for Taxes is June 30. Anyone owing outstanding taxes will be charged 2% interest on the balance** and will have services cut and/or will have their account sent to a collection agency or have their wages attached. Residents are advised that Council will continue to do Tax Sales on properties that have delinquent accounts.



**House Numbers #:** Residents are reminded that it is a good idea to put their property numbers on their houses/fences. All Emergency departments need those numbers to be able to respond in a timely manner. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. It is for your benefit!



**Summer Students:** The town will be hiring 2 students this summer for 8 weeks @30 hrs. per week. Duties will include mowing grass, picking up garbage, cleaning up beaches and roadside, painting etc. The Heritage Committee has also received funding for 2 summer students and are still waiting for approvals from other programs. If you are interested in working at the French Rooms Cultural Center this summer, you can also drop your resumes off at the council office. Deadline is June 14<sup>th</sup>. Resumes can be dropped off, emailed or faxed to the council office.



**Volunteers Needed:** The town has many volunteer groups/committees that are always in need of extra help. No committee can operate without dedicated members. Some town groups are: The Twin Town Stadium Board, Heritage Committee, Fire Dept, Firettes, Hospitality Committee, Come Home Year Committee & Recreation Committee. If you or someone you know would like to join any of these groups, you can contact members of the committee or contact the town and your name will be passed along to the group.



**Streetlights Out:** If anyone notices any streetlights that are not working properly you can contact the office and we will contact Hydro to get them fixed. Also, if there are any wires hanging low or let go from poles contact the office and we will look into it.



**Congratulations Graduates!** The town would like to Congratulate the Graduating Class of 2019. We wish you a happy and safe Graduation and a lifetime of achievements. Good luck in all your future endeavors.



**Ongoing activities:** The council continues to be actively involved in planning a **New Subdivision, Seniors Complex**, and the **New Water Storage Tank**. A **Town Center/Harbor Front Enhancement** project is in the process of being applied for.

**We Wish Everyone Has a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!**

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