

Parks, Recreation and Culture E-Newsletter

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Town of Truro

Welcome to the Town of Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. We hope you enjoy all of the information on recreation events in the Truro area. Should you wish to be taken off of our mailing list, please send an email back to us and we will happily remove your name.

We Would Like to Hear From You

If you would like your recreation events included in this newsletter please forward the information to recdept@truro.ca to be included in future issues.

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Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

The purpose of our Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee is to operate, maintain, and manage recreation facilities and properties in the Town of Truro, such as arenas, community centers, parks and playgrounds. **The Committee's goal is to develop new recreational opportunities for the residents of Truro.** Our Committee Chair is Deputy Mayor Greg MacArthur - and he can be reached at Res: (902) 893-4834 or [E-mail](#)

Aviva

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has submitted an idea in the Aviva Community Fund, a competition that could result in positive change in communities across Canada. If the idea we have submitted receives enough votes, it will have a chance to share in \$500,000 of funding. I would really appreciate your help in pushing this idea to the finals.

Please vote for it at <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf1465>

You can vote once a day, so please pass this along and get as many people to vote as possible!



Our Idea:

Town of Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture Community Centre

In 2008, five elementary schools in Truro were closed and amalgamated to create one new master school, Truro Elementary School.

This \$13.2 million master school is a great new facility with many opportunities for its students. But, the amalgamation also left the community with some empty school buildings.

The Town of Truro was fortunate enough to inherit some of the closed schools, including Douglas Street School. This school is in a prime residential location which is just minutes from Truro's vibrant downtown. The school is also adjacent to Victoria Park, a 400-acre natural gem that features a swimming pool, picturesque walking and skiing trails, outdoor bandstand, playground, waterfalls and much more.

The school is in fairly good condition, and with suitable funding could become a beautiful community facility. The building has a large gymnasium, five classrooms, outdoor playground, children's soccer field, outdoor basketball, plenty of paved parking, green space, a path to Victoria Park.

The Town of Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has proposed to transform the old Douglas Street School into a new Truro **Parks, Recreation and Culture Community Centre**. The center would allow for programming for all age groups and could also offer low/no cost

meeting rooms for not-for-profit organizations, low/no cost storage for not-for-profit organizations, space for special recreational and cultural events, a gym facility, a senior and youth centre, lawn bowling club house, cross country skiing club house, and much more. The gym is in great condition and would allow for numerous cultural and fitness programs, recreation sport leagues, a walking room in the winter, dances, movie nights, community fairs and expos, art shows, events related to hobbies such as antiques and miniature trains. The school's five classrooms would be ideal for "learn to" classes such as arts and crafts, photography, computer use etc.

As a drop-in community centre, the school would be an ideal place to publicize the abundance of activities taking place in our town on an ongoing basis. This could be achieved by a community bulletin board for example. Indeed, people could come to rely on the community centre as a key source of information.

Since the school is adjacent to Victoria Park, it could become a permanent home base for the town's annual Victoria Park Day Camps which are held each summer for children and youths ages 5 to 15. The building could also be used by cross-country skiers looking for a place to warm up in winter or to prepare for a day on the park's trails.

The school also has a large paved and grassed backyard. The playground equipment could be updated, as could the outdoor basketball court. We could also create a nice lawn bowling facility, which is both wanted and needed in our community.

Lastly, the Truro Parks, Recreation a Culture Community Centre would be a great place for the community to connect. It would be a place where people can socialize, learn what is happening in the community, and try new things.

Thanks in advance,

Olympic Torch Celebration



February 12 to 28, 2010
March 12 to 21, 2010

Thousands of people are expected to line streets throughout Bible Hill and Truro on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 as the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay makes its way through our region. This leg of the relay will conclude with a huge outdoor community celebration at **Victoria Park** from 5 to 8 p.m. The celebration will include special guest speakers, performances by Drum, Truro Youth

Singers, Cantabile Boys Choir, Shannon Walsh, and A Tribe Called Mi'kmaq which features traditional drumming.

During that time, there will be no public parking at Victoria Park, and people attending the festivities are reminded not to park on town streets where parking is prohibited. In the interests of public safety and convenience, a number of free parking areas have been identified for use by the public. Please note, these parking areas are not secured, so parking is at your own risk.

Whenever possible, celebrants are encouraged to travel smart by considering active transportation such as walking and cycling, as well as ride sharing and car pooling. People are also reminded to dress for the cold.

The local 2010 Olympic Torch Relay Community Celebration Committee appreciates your co-operation and support.

Suggested parking areas:

- Young Street, across from the Truro Curling Club
- Young Street, at the CN Pensioners Club
- Victoria Street, across from the fire hall
- In designated areas in and around the Civic Block of Young, Prince, Forrester and Esplanade streets
- Sobeys on Prince Street
- Between Havelock and Outram streets (location of the weekend Farmers' Market)
 - Esplanade Street, near Grinners and the intersection of Walker and Esplanade streets
 - Louise Street, near the Wooden Hog
 - Revere Street, between Prince and Queen streets.
 - Dominion Street, just off Prince Street.
 - Lorne Street, at Immaculate Conception Church
 - Lorne Street, at First United Church
 - King Street, St. Mary's Elementary School
- Queen Street, Stanfield's Ltd. staff parking lot
- Queen Street, across from Blaikies
- Unlimited Self-Storage, East Prince Street



Please note: Limited accessible parking will be available in the Victoria Park Pool parking lot on Palmer Street.

Try Truro

The department is working on a new campaign that will hopefully encourage Truro residents to **try new activities in 2010**. Try Truro, as we call it, will help residents find free or inexpensive ways to try new recreational and cultural activities. Some opportunities already exist among businesses and organizations in the town. Others would be hosted or facilitated by the department to ensure a broad range of activities are available to try.

Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade

The 2009 Tree Lighting will be held on November 20 at 7:30 pm at the Civic Square, and the Christmas Parade will be on November 21 starting at 6 pm.

New Years 2009



This year's New Year's Celebration will begin at 3 pm at the Truro Fire Hall with crafts for the kids and then **Magician Mr. J** will perform and treat the kids to a special New Year's countdown just for them at 5 pm.

There will be a youth dance at the Truro Fire Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 pm featuring DJ Double Heart. We will be offering a **free public swim** at Centennial Pool from 6 to 8 pm and a free public skate at the Colchester Legion Stadium from 9 to 11 pm. The Hockey Game will be on the big screen at the stadium. The puck drops at 9 pm.

The **evening's festivities continue at Victoria Park** where there will be live Music performed at the Good Neighbours' Club located on Palmer Street. Then from 10 p.m. to midnight, Nervous Wreck will play at the Bandshell. You will be able to warm up with hot chocolate and treats. At midnight, the New Year will be welcomed with a fireworks display.

Get Out! Get Active! Get Involved! Guide

The 2010 edition of the Get Out! Get Active! Get Involved! Guide will be available by the end of December. If you would like a copy you can pick one up at the Town of Truro Civic Building at 695 Prince Street or the Colchester County Offices at 1 Church Street.

Community Recreation Nights

Wednesday Nights at Truro Jr. High

7:00-8:00 pm Children's Open Gym-Children ages of 5 to 12 to play non-structured sports. Come out and shoot some hoops, play some badminton, or just run around and have fun!

8:00-9:00 pm Adult Badminton- There are six courts open to play and or rally with friends. All levels of skill and physical activity are welcome!

Please note: the gym will be closed on days that the school is closed.

Tuesday Night Basketball



FREE Adult Tuesday Night Recreation Basketball

Every Tuesday (starting on Nov 17th) from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at
Truro Elementary
Please use gym door entrance on Abey Avenue

You must bring water and indoor sneakers!
A Great time for some pickup Basketball!
All are Welcome!

****Due to the Torch Relay on Nov. 17th Basketball will be from 8:00 - 9:30 pm****

For more information please contact the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department at 893-6093

Winter Festival

Winter Festival is coming up in February; if you are an organization that would like to participate in this event please call Ashley at 893-6093.

Truro Sport Heritage Society

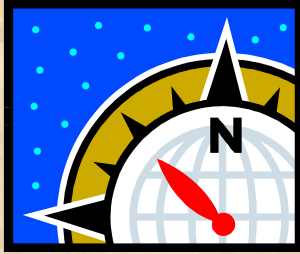
The Truro Sport Heritage Society is actively seeking nominations for the sporting year of 2009 in all sports for its Annual Dinner to be held in March 2010. We urge the community to help us honour the sporting achievements of athletes, coaches, teams and volunteers as seasons end, whilst the achievements are fresh in your minds.

Nomination forms can be accessed on line at www.colchestercountysporthalloffame.com or paper copies are available at the Marigold Center Box Office. If you submit on line please attach a digital photograph and if you complete the paper copy please attach a photograph and return to the Marigold Center Box Office.

Parks, Recreation and Culture is on Facebook

Join the **Town of Truro Parks, Recreation, & Culture Department Facebook Group** to find and learn about what is happening in your community!

Night Orienteering



Are you looking for a fun, and **free** activity? Give **night orienteering** a try!

When: Thursday, November 26th

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Gitten's Lodge.

Cost: Free

Contact: Michael Price, priceMJ@ccrsb.ca

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CIVIC CENTRE PROJECT ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE

Truro, NS (November 12, 2009) Central Nova Scotians will now have answers to their questions about the Regional Civic Centre project at their finger tips! The Project Steering Committee of the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre Project is pleased to announce the launch of their website, www.ignitethespirit.ca as a primary source of key information for all residents.

Created by Trampoline Branding, the site enables visitors to search for relevant information and keep up to date of the latest news related to the project. Debbie Elliott, Volunteer Chair of the Public Relations Committee explains "The website is one of the many steps that we are taking to keep the community updated and informed about this exciting and long awaited project. Additionally, the user friendly, creative design of the site will provide a chance for people to interact with the project, to check on its status and see upcoming events."

The launch of the website is one of many milestones that our community will experience over the life of this important project, said Greg MacArthur, Co-Chair of the Civic Centre Project. The new website is the product of months of careful planning, the result is a modern website that is user friendly, updated and accurately communicates all of the exciting news of the proposed Civic Centre."

In July 2008, the Town of Truro and the County of Colchester were incorporated into a Memorandum of Understanding outlining many aspects of the proposed centre and brought much excitement to Central Nova Scotia and beyond. From this point forward, the Project Steering Committee has never looked back and has worked diligently to make the project a reality.

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