



### LATEST PROJECT Stone Bridge Restoration

The Bowring Park Foundation (BPF) recently partnered with the City of St. John's to cost-share 50/50 the restoration of the Stone Bridge that crosses over South Brook near the park's tennis courts. Bowring Park personnel under Park Superintendent Alfred Canning built this bridge in 1931. They formed the bridge in the shape of an arch by placing bent railway tracks inside the structure and they used stones that had been collected along the railway line to make up its exterior. Over the years, park patrons have noted the attractiveness of the bridge. However, in 2010, the bridge required some attention to restore its beauty and strength.



Plans for this project were devised by the consulting engineers, Kavanagh and Associates Limited. A galvanized steel tunnel liner was used to restore the structural integrity of the bridge. This liner was modular in construction so that the components could be bolted together to conform to the shape of the bridge. The construction work was undertaken in October 2010 by Hytec Specialities Inc. and the restoration project was completed in November 2010. Mike Power, the BPF Chair, said, "The completed project is one in which we all can take pride. As this bridge enters its 80th year, it is once again strong and beautiful."

### NEXT PROJECTS

The conversion and realignment of the roadway adjacent to the Bungalow is the Foundation's next priority. This project will convert the road on the north side of the Bungalow to pedestrian use only, install an electronically operated security gate at the entrance, refurbish the walkways near the Caribou, and widen and repave the south side of the loop to permit two-way traffic. It is the Foundation's hope that this project will greatly enhance the pedestrian experience in Bowring Park. The Foundation will contribute approximately \$120,000 to this project which will be cost-shared 50/50 with the City of St. John's.

The Foundation is also in the preliminary stage of working with the City to develop another interesting walk in the Park for patrons to enjoy. It will be in the area that was once known as the Squires' Property. MUN Botanical Garden has surveyed the trees and plants in this area and has found that it does contain some interesting heritage species for which storyboards could be developed.

### BOWRING PARK FOUNDATION AGM

The BPF Annual General Meeting was held on October 24 and three new directors were elected to the Board. A warm welcome was extended to Vivian Pallard, Ashley Power-Stack and John Whitty. Congratulations was also extended to Director Sheri Wicks who was elected to the position of Vice-Chair. In his address, the Chair, Michael Power, thanked the Foundation membership, the directors and the City of St. John's for their support over the past year. He concluded by saying, "Let's keep working together to keep Bowring Park the magical place it has always been".

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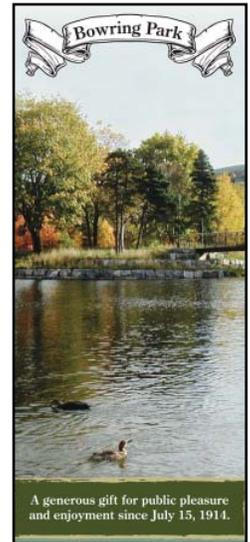
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## COME VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Please visit Bowring Park Foundation's new web site designed by Breton Solutions at the same address [www.bowringpark.com](http://www.bowringpark.com). There you will find everything from a park map to a self-guided tour, from recent information about park projects to historical information dating back to the park's opening in 1914. Please check us out!

## NEW BROCHURE ABOUT BOWRING PARK

The Bowring Park Foundation has revamped and updated the Park map and brochure this year and will have it available to the Public free of charge. You can pick up your copy at the Bowring Park Foundation Lodge located at the Park's East Entrance or at the City of St. John's Tourism Information Center on Water Street or you can print your own copy from our website: [www.bowringpark.com](http://www.bowringpark.com).



## HURRICANE IGOR

On September 21, 2010, Hurricane Igor caused some destruction in the Park. There was landscape damage done at the Caribou site which houses the Beaumont-Hamel replica plaques but work has been completed to rectify this damage and the site is now back to normal.



A number of trees were lost, the oldest one being our beautiful Lime/Linden Tree that was located across the road from the Duck Pond and Peter Pan. This enormous majestic tree had been planted by the Duke of Connaught when Bowring Park opened on July 15, 1914. There are plans to plant another Linden Tree at the same site.



## FEATURES & ATTRACTIONS OF BOWRING PARK

### The Gnome and the Connaught Stone

The small bronze sculpture is known simply as The Gnome, and it is placed atop a piece of native granite called the Connaught Stone. The native granite, itself, has an interesting story. If you look behind the Gnome, you can see the name 'Humber' engraved on the stone. The engraving is on the granite because the stone was once used as a headstone for a dog belonging to Sir Richard Squires, a former Prime Minister of Newfoundland, who used to live on a property close to where the amphitheatre is now located.

The Gnome was unveiled at Bowring Park on August 31, 1931. This original work depicts a little creature sitting at a small writing board, giving the appearance that he had just finished writing the inscription, which reads:

*Lime Tree  
Planted By  
His Royal Highness  
The Duke of Connaught on the occasion of  
the opening of Bowring Park*



*This photo was taken during the official opening of Bowring Park and it shows the Duke of Connaught on the left and Sir Edgar Bowring on the right.*

### FIELD GUN TO HAVE NEW HOME

The Field Gun has been removed from Bowring Park to undergo repairs prior to being relocated to the Artillery Park in Pleasantville this coming summer. The 166 RA Association is very pleased to have this historical gun added to their military artillery collection.



The idea and design for The Gnome was put forward by Major Howe Green (the man responsible for the impressive Caribou monument), who presented it to Sir Edgar Bowring. Sir Edgar, in turn, commissioned the renowned British sculptor, Edmund Blundstone, to create it. Shortly before this particular request, the Queen, herself, purchased some of his work, which was a testimony to his skill and popularity.

Duck food can be purchased throughout the year for \$1 a bag at Marie's Mini-Marts in St. John's and surrounding areas. All proceeds go back into projects for Bowring Park.

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Please note that the Foundation does not recommend feeding bread to the ducks as it dehydrates them and fouls their habitat.



### Bowring Park Foundation Memberships

Membership forms are available at the Bowring Park Foundation Lodge; located next to the East Entrance or they may be downloaded at:

[www.bowringpark.com](http://www.bowringpark.com)

Membership Fees: Senior \$10.00,  
Individual \$12.00, Family \$18.00

The Bowring Park Foundation was established in 1995 as a not-for-profit organization under the patronage of the late Mr. Derrick Bowring. Its mandate is to assist the City of St. John's with the restoration, preservation and development of Bowring Park.

**Bowring Park Foundation's Partners**

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At the heart of everything we do is a desire to strengthen our connection to our customers and communities.

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