



The Bowring Park Foundation

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The Quad Squad

Foundation And City Agree To Cost Share Fountain Pond Project A Go

The City of St. John's and the Bowring Park Foundation have agreed to cost share the re-development of the Fountain Pond in Bowring Park. This is the first major project to be undertaken by the Foundation and the City following approval of the Park's Master Plan development strategy that was adopted by City Council last fall. The Fountain Pond was identified by the Bowring Park Foundation as its priority project in phase one of the master plan re-development strategy for the Park. The master plan, that will guide re-development for the Park over a number of years, was completed following extensive public consultation. The master plan steering

committee was under the auspices of the City of St. John's and was chaired by Councilor Keith Coombs. John Downton, Chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation, told the Trumpet that "The Foundation's Board of Directors are ecstatic that the City has approved our 50/50 funding request and the Fountain Pond project will get underway this year". Mr. Downton said "the Foundation worked hard in cooperation with the city and our other partners to complete the comprehensive master plan, and to see the first project for the re-development of the midstream section of the Park get off the ground is great news". The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and re-development of Bowring Park. Mr. Derrick Bowring is the Honorary Patron of the Foundation and has been keenly supporting the cooperative approach taken between the City of St. John's and the Foundation's Board. Mr. Downton said "if all the technical work that is required is completed on time then we would hope to see ground broken on the project this fall".



A new QUAD SQUAD of signets have been welcomed to the Bowring Park duck pond this spring. Park officials have indicated that the signets are looking very healthy and are hopeful that the new additions will continue to thrive. This is the third spring that this pair of swans, who came to the Park in 2003, have produced signets. Thousands of visitors have come to the duck pond to visit the new arrivals. Indications are that when these young swans mature they will be placed in other locations throughout the capital city. In the meantime these majestic birds continue to delight Park visitors.

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Province's First Concrete Bridge to Be Replaced Park's Entrance to Get New Look

Visitors to Bowring Park will soon be welcomed with a new bridge at the main entrance. Tract Consulting Inc. developed the new design that will incorporate the traditional look of the existing bridge with the added features of a pedestrian walkway and duck pond lookout. The existing structure was built in 1913 and was the province's first concrete bridge. The bridge had been deteriorating for a number of years and needed to be replaced. John Downton said that "the Foundation's Board is very pleased that Council has undertaken this important work. City Council approved funding for the new bridge as part of this year's capital works. Mr. Downton said, "new bridge will be the Park's welcome mat for generations to come". Work should get underway this fall. This is the second major project for the Park this year and is consistent with the Park's long term development plan.



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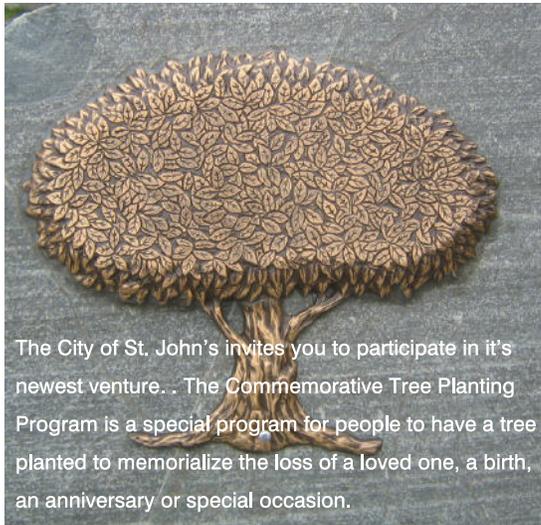


They came to this hallowed place to reflect and to remember. Set in a quiet grove in Bowring Park, the Caribou Memorial, dedicated to the undying memory of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, was the site of a special memorial service in honor of the 90th Anniversary of the battle of the Somme at Beaumont Hamel. A dozen organizations representing the province's youth, veterans, and various branches of the Canadian Military including Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans in Canada, Veterans of Canada, Royal Canadian Legion Nfld. & Lab. Command, Metis Veterans Association, Nursing Sisters Assoc. of Canada, National Council of Veterans Assoc. of Canada, First Nations Veterans of Canada, Royal Canadian Naval Association, Canadian Merchant Navy, Air Force Association of Canada and the League of Merchant Mariner Veterans of Canada placed wreaths at the base of the

Caribou Memorial. The 801 members of the Newfoundland Regiment went "over the top" toward the German lines at Beaumont Hamel. Young men, so brave, so determined to complete their mission in the face of horrendous circumstances. In the morning only 68 members of the Newfoundland Regiment were present for roll call. Now, 90 years later the Regiment returned to that place, Beaumont Hamel, to reflect and to remember. The loyalty to King and country shown by those brave young men on that day is unparalleled in British history. In the face of unprecedented carnage men were heard to ask the commanding officer "is the Colonel pleased? Is the Colonel satisfied". In Rex Murphy's words "there is a ferocious loyalty in those words. And a ferocious innocence as well. They are empty of every cynicism". And so it was with those fighting Newfoundlanders. We remember them.

Historical Reflections

Plaques, Sculptures and Relics



The City of St. John's invites you to participate in it's newest venture. . The Commemorative Tree Planting Program is a special program for people to have a tree planted to memorialize the loss of a loved one, a birth, an anniversary or special occasion.

It all started at the base of an old lime tree by His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught on the occasion of the opening of Bowring Park July 14th, 1914. Today dozens of plaques, sculptures and relics from a bygone era give us cause to stop and reflect, to remember the achievements of individuals and organizations, and to remember those who paid the ultimate price.

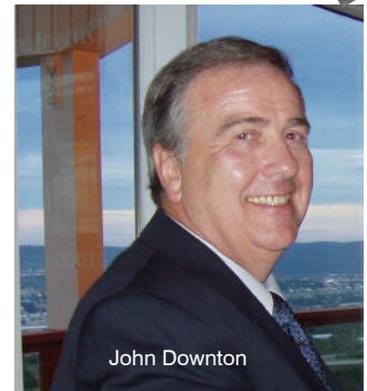


Big Changes Coming To Bowring Park Fountain Pond To Get New Look

John Downton, Chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation is all smiles these days. City Council and the Foundation have come to an agreement to jointly re-develop the Park's Fountain Pond located at Midstream, the area of the Park that is close to the swimming pool. City Council also announced it's plans to replace the bridge at the main entrance to the Park as part of this year's capital works. These two projects are in addition to the bridge replacement work that the City has undertaken on Waterford Bridge Rd. near the west entrance to Bowring Park. Mr. Downton said that "Mayor Wells and members of Council are to be congratulated for choosing to do this work this year". The Chairman said "the Fountain Pond project is the first cost shared project between the City and the Foundation

that was identified in the recently completed Bowring Park Master Plan". He said "the Foundation's Board of Directors chose the Fountain Pond project as its top priority following approval of the Park's Master Plan last fall. The Chairman said "though the tranquility of the Park will be broken by the sound of heavy equipment this fall, the work being undertaken will bring major improvements to the Park that will be enjoyed by visitors for generations".

The Chairman also spoke to the Trumpet to express his disappointment that Foundation had to take steps to cancel the Peter Pan Festival this year. An assessment of the Festival by professional risk managers pointed out a number of concerns that the



John Downton

Foundation would have to address for future events. To deliver the Peter Pan Festival in a safe and appropriate manner the Foundation would have to hire and train about 100 professional event management personnel. The little festival that started out as an afternoon picnic in the Park had grown to about 10,000 visitors and had gotten beyond the capabilities to the Foundation to deliver safely. Mr. Downton said "people have been very supportive and understand that this situation is not unique to the Peter Pan Festival".



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The Bowring Park Foundation was established in 1995 under the patronage of Derrick Bowring to assist the City of St. John's with the restoration and future development of Bowring Park. The scope of this vast undertaking will involve many and varied projects over an extended period. The Foundation had recently completed The Bowring Park Master Plan. The Plan is a development strategy that embraces the vision that "*Bowring Park will be designed to provide all ages with opportunity for leisure and social contact within an environment of outstanding scenery, and in a context that embraces and celebrates its historic development.*" The Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors are elected and supported by the membership. The Foundation has completed several major pieces of work in Bowring Park including the restoration of the Duck Pond and the completion of a steel arched bridge over Captain's Falls,

as well as major restoration work of the beautiful Conservatory. The Foundation has recently announced the re-development of the Fountain Pond at the Midstream section of the Park under a 50/50 cost shared agreement with the City of St. John's.

The Foundation is recognized by Revenue Canada as a charitable organization (registration #89826 7471 RP0001). Donations are gratefully received at the Foundation's office. Call us today and help keep Bowring Park Beautiful.

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