



The Bowring Park Foundation **Trumpet**

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Master Plan Big Accomplishment Foundation to Support City's Plans

The Bowring Park Foundation reported at its Annual General Meeting in February that completing the Park's Master Plan and having that Plan adopted by City Council has been the most important accomplishment for the Foundation this past year. The Foundation's Chair, John Downton reported that the process took longer than anticipated but the approach allowed for input from many different sources.

The Master Plan Steering Committee was under the auspices of the City of St. John's and was chaired by Councilor Keith Coombs. Interested citizens, staff from the City of St. John's and representatives of the

Bowring Park Foundation made up the committee as a whole. Funding for the Master Plan was shared by the Foundation and Human Resource and Skills Development Canada. The Grand Concourse Authority was contracted to develop the Master Plan and Foundation Chairperson Downton congratulated them for their excellent work.

It was reported that the Foundation has begun work to support the City with its plans for implementation of the Master Plan. The Foundation has indicated to the City its preference for the Midstream section of the Plan as a first project. This section includes the Fountain Pond. The City has approved a 50/50 cost sharing with the Foundation for developing the concept and design phase and issuing a request for proposals for the implementation of the Midstream section of the project. The Foundation is hoping to have the concept and design work done by the end of summer. Mr. Downton said that *"entering the implementation phase is an exciting and significant time in the history and operation of the Foundation"*.



Bennett

Pintail In The Park

Winter and snow is a child's delight -
Things dreamed of in July;

Sleds and hills, squeals and spills,
waving as the world rushes by.

There is snow on the ground, snow in
the air, snow, snow everywhere.

Angels they make in a blanket of
white, and tomorrow will remember
how

Snowflakes felt on their tiny tongues -
like magic to them now.

There is snow on the ground, snow in
the air, snow, snow everywhere.

From: The Magic Of Winter: by Joan Adams Burchell

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Nothing Beats A Smooth Fast Ride The Wonders Of Winter



Bring It On



Dad, I'm A' Scared



Copi Landing Mom



The Hills Are Alive

The hills of Bowring Park were alive with the laughter of children as they spent a sunny winter afternoon whizzing over a new fall of snow. The Park is an excellent facility for many winter activities and none is more popular than sliding down the hills. Sleds of every description carried children and adults with frozen mittens, red noses and scarves flying off in all directions. There was no problem to hear cries of “lets do it again”, “watch out”, “just watch me Mom”, “my turn”, “we crashed”, and “that was soooo fast”. Parents kept a watchful eye as children of all ages enjoyed a day sliding in Bowring Park. This is a very popular site in winter and hundreds came out to celebrate the joys of the frosty season sliding in the Park. A winter stroll or cross-country skiing are also popular winter activities in Bowring Park. City staff do a great job keeping this winter wonderland functioning. Pick a day and come play in our Park.



Foundation's Chair Reports

Downton Seeks Community Support

- Master Plan Completed
- Deal Inked With Red Oak
- Peter Pan Festival A Success
- Volunteers Thanked



John Downton

Foundation's 10th AGM A Big Success



Cynthia Hildebrand & Sheri Wicks Discuss Master Plan.



Foundation's Chair Welcomes Dr. Murray Colbo & Eric Salter To The Board



Eldon Davis, Mike Power, John Downton, Jim Clarke, Addison Bown & Murray Smith Participate In Foundation's 10th AGM.

Volunteers Play Major Role In Foundation's Success

This has been a very exciting year for the Bowring Park Foundation. As reported earlier in this newsletter completing Master Plan was a important accomplishment for the Foundation .

We are now preparing to go forward with plans to seek support from the community at large to help with funding a number of the priorities identified in the Master Plan. The Implementation Committee is hard at work as we approach the next phase of this important restoration and preservation plan for Bowring Park.

Mike Power the Foundation's Finance Chair has reported that the Foundation has signed a new lease agreement with Red Oak Catering for continued operation of the B.P Bungalow. John Rogers and his Red

Oak team play an important role in helping the Foundation in it's fundraising strategy.

Changes to the Peter Pan Festival this past summer proved to be a big success. Attendance at this years one day event was equal to last years two day festival. Revenues were on par with the previous year and plans are already underway for the 2006 Festival.

Much of the work done on behalf of the Bowring Park Foundation must be credited to the wonderful group of volunteers who continue to dedicate their time and professional efforts to the goals of the Foundation. To all of our members who support our work, the business community who have been behind us all the way and to the Council and staff at City Hall I extend our warmest thanks.

“All Of The Fences, Hand Rails And Benches Were Rustic”

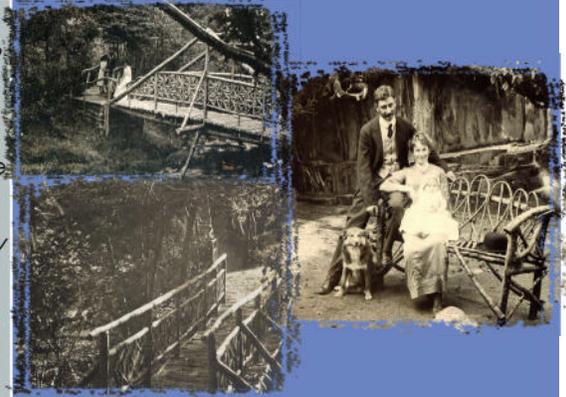
Two Very Crafty Guys

One of the many unique features of Bowring Park is the rustic fencing that marks the northern boundary of the Park. The fence runs along Waterford Bridge Road from the Cowan Ave. intersection to the Park Lodge at the eastern entrance of the Park. There was a time when all of the benches, railings and fencing in and around Bowring Park were built in this unique rustic design. Successive Park Superintendents would go to great lengths to secure the young spruce needed for the work and had it shipped by train from as far away as Central Newfoundland.

Tim Raymond, a 30 year veteran, and his colleague Gerry Porter, who has worked in the Park for 25 years, recall a bygone era when most of their work day was devoted to building and maintaining the Park's rustic works. These

two very crafty guys made all of the fencing and it was all done freehand. *“That’s the whole idea”,* said Tim, *“you had to have a good eye and know what you are doing”.* Gerry points out that there is only one rustic bench left in the Park. *“Everything is now made from pressure treated lumber or steel...everyone is very safety conscious these days”,* says Tim.

There is also a great family tradition connected to the rustic wood work in Bowring Park. Gerry Porter points, with some pride, to the fact that his grandfather, father and uncle at one time worked as craftsmen making those beautiful rustic fences and benches. When the BP Master Plan points to the ideal of promoting public appreciation for the historic origins of the Park and their significance maybe they can work toward recapturing that unique rustic look. .



Tim Raymond

Gerry Porter

It's In The Bag

Big Support For Duck Food Program

The Button Shop on Pennywell Rd. is a work creation program that facilitates short-term employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. The program is owned and operated by the well known Vera Perlin Society. It is here, in this neat and professional environment that Jim Vincent tackles the task of measuring, bagging and labeling the popular duck food that many visitors to Bowring Park bring along with them to feed to the ducks. Jim is a very likeable young Newfoundlander who obviously takes great pride in his work. Evelyn Bennett, the Foundations Administrator, told the Trumpet that that the Button Shop staff produce over 15,000 bags of duck food for the Bowring Park Foundation.

The next big step in the duck food chain is getting the product in the distribution pipeline. That where the Marie's Mini Mart & Deli chain has taken on the task of distributing the duck food to the public. For only \$1.00 you can get your bag of duck food at any of Marie's many locations. The Foundation is very grateful for the outstanding support of Marie and Rick Kenny and their team. The B P Foundation recommends not feeding bread to the birds and ducks in BP. Bread has little nutritional value, it dehydrates the ducks because of high sodium content and promotes bacteria growth in the water of local ponds and rivers. By going to Marie's to purchase our duck food you support the Foundation's work and you will be doing the ducks a favor by providing them with good healthy food.



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Reminder

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About The Foundation

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 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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