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Fountain Pond Opening

Husky Energy Names Fountain

The Bowring Park Foundation has welcomed the announcement of a major corporate contribution by Husky Energy, operator of the White Rose oil field offshore Newfoundland and Labrador. The company has made a contribution of \$300,000 towards the revitalization of the fountain pond, which will now become known as the "Husky Energy Fountain".

Husky Energy has a long tradition of giving back to the communities in which we live and work," said John Lau, Husky Energy's President and CEO. "The revitalized fountain will not only provide residents with a beautiful place to relax, walk and play but its unique features will also be used to help support environmental education programs with local schools and community groups."



Husky Energy Presents Cheque

L-R Ron Penny, City Commissioner, Ken Dyer, Husky Energy, Mayor Dennis O'Keefe, Mike Power, Chair BPF, John Downton, Past-Chair BPF

Bowring Park will celebrate its centennial in 2014. The Husky contribution to the Fountain Pond reconstruction project is the first major corporate contribution to the Bowring Park Centennial Fund, a major capital campaign dedicated towards the revitalization and development of Bowring Park.

Foundation chair Mike Power said, "This support from Husky Energy helps breathe new life into one of the park's cornerstone attractions, and is an integral step in our revitalization plan. With the new Husky Energy Fountain completed, we are well positioned to move ahead with other components of the park's revitalization plans including a new barrier free children's play area, and a uniquely designed children's splash park."



Children's Splash Park

The new Fountain Pond was officially opened on August 20th, 2008. The \$900 thousand project was made possible through funding support from the City of St. John's, Bowring Park Foundation and Husky Energy. At the opening ceremonies, Mayor Dennis O'Keefe said, *"This project is an outstanding example of what can be achieved when the city works in partnership with great organizations like the Bowring Park Foundation and Husky Energy. This outstanding addition to Bowring Park will be enjoyed by area residents for generations."*

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New Website for Bowring Park Foundation

www.bowringpark.com



The Bowring Park Foundation has recently implemented a new website in hopes of appealing to tech savvy park patrons. The website is designed as an easy and efficient way for area residents to access information on the Park.

Downloadable brochures are available on the site by clicking the links available at the top of the home page. Information on everything from booking a reception at the Bungalow to planning a wedding in the park is at your fingertips. The new site gives a short background on the Foundation and a listing of the current Board of Directors. Why not take a little time and check out our web site. There is an online application encouraging those interested to become members of the Bowring Park Foundation. Why not get the whole family involved!

A Moment With
John Downton



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Duck Food Available



Duck food can be purchased throughout the year at any Marie's Mini Mart for \$1 per bag. Your purchase of Duck Food provides the birds with healthy food while protecting their environment. Proceeds from the sale of duck food goes back into the park's restoration and preservation projects.

John Downton is a charter member and immediate past chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation. John, along with a group of local citizens, helped form the Foundation in 1995 out of concern for where Bowring Park was heading. The group felt that the park needed upgrading and so the Foundation focused on its restoration and preservation. John served as the Foundation's Chair from September 2002 until February 2008.

John Downton is a townie who grew up in the shadow of Bowring Park. Like thousands of others, John remembers the magic of Bowring Park, "the Park was a big part of my youth and I spent countless hours with family and friends enjoying every aspect of recreation that Bowring Park had to offer." In particular John has fond memories of learning to play tennis with his father on the courts

near the old swimming pool at South Brook. John continues to enjoy the relaxing, comforting atmosphere offered by Bowring Park. According to John, "When I am in the park, I feel like I am in my own private place where I can relax and enjoy the many trails."

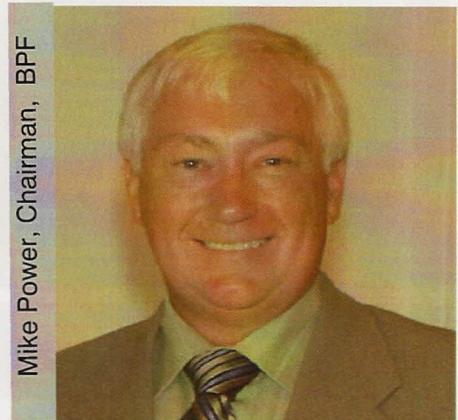
When The Trumpet asked John what motivated him to get involved, his answer was very simple, "I wanted to give something back to a place that holds many great memories for me."

During John's chairmanship of the Bowring Park Foundation, he has seen many positive changes in the park. The adoption of the Park's Master Plan and the completion of the new Fountain Pond are two projects that benefited from John's outstanding leadership.



New Splash Pad...Barrier Free Playground in the Works **Park Improvements to Continue**

Mike Power, Chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation recently spoke with the local media about the Foundation's plans to continue working in cooperation with the city and the business community to further develop the midstream section of Bowring Park. *"The Foundation is very pleased to see the Fountain Pond project completed with the assistance of our partners Husky Energy and the City. The Foundation will continue to focus its energy on the midstream area of the Park"*, said Mike. He went on to say that *"we are now working towards the completion of a new children's splash pad and the province's first barrier free public playground. Both of these projects will enhance the usability of the midstream section of the Park and will become an outstanding recreational area for all children of the region without limitation."* The new barrier free playground and the splash park are estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$900 thousand dollars and the Foundation will be reaching out to the business community to help finance these important projects. *"We have a lot of work to do in Bowring Park and it will not be possible without the assistance of the community."* said Power. Bowring Park is one on those unique settings that is enjoyed by young and old alike. The Park welcomes over a million visitors a year and every child who comes here can remember the magic.



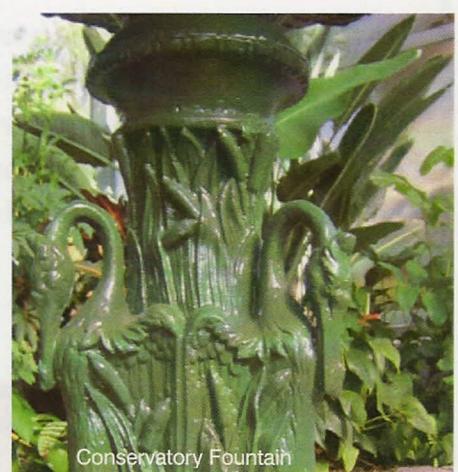
Barrier Free Playground

The Conservatory

The Conservatory at Bowring Park is home to a spectacular array of rare and beautiful plants. If you are a plant lover it is worth taking the time to come and enjoy the quiet beauty of the Conservatory. Situated next to the Lodge, the Conservatory hosts a wide range of diverse, vibrant and exotic plant life. The Bowring Park staff do an outstanding job keeping the conservatory in top notch condition.

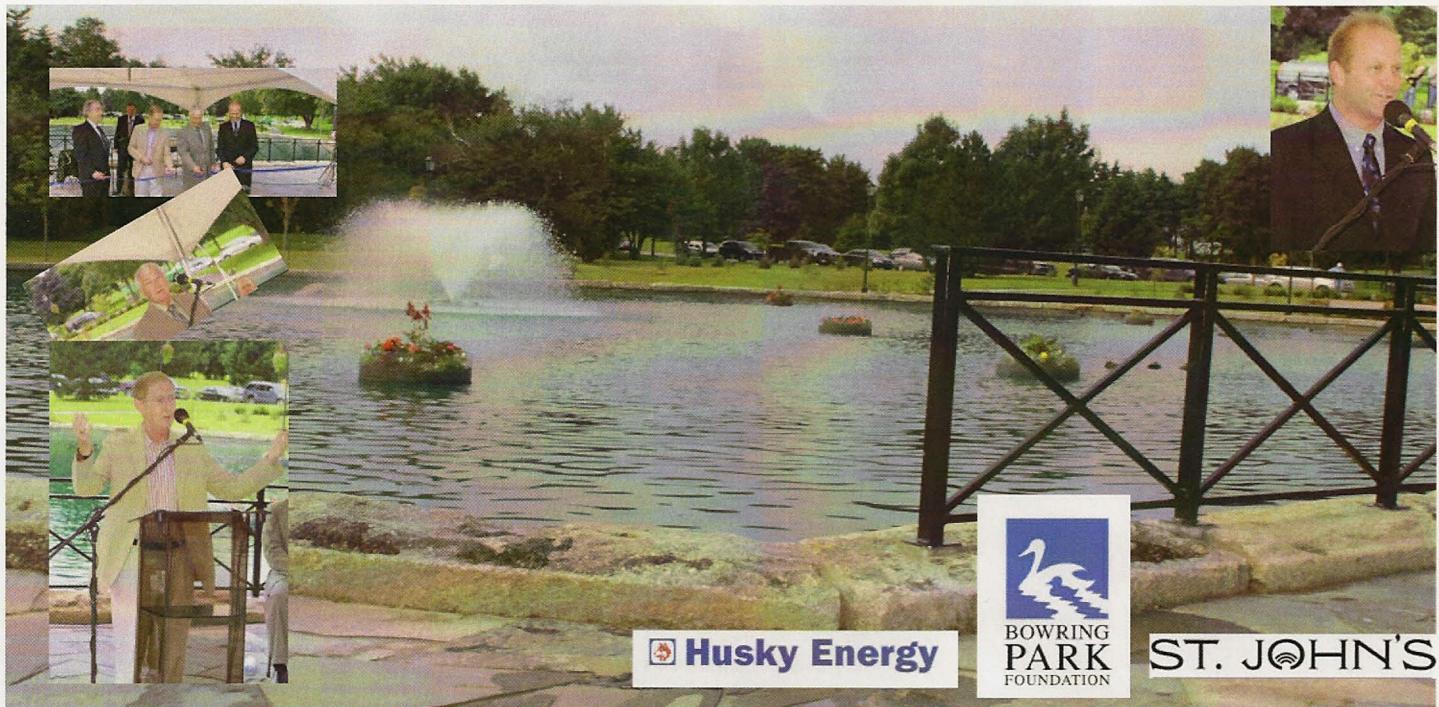
The Greenhouse was originally constructed in 1947 as a gift from Sir Edgar Bowring. It was reconstructed as a Conservatory in 1996 through a generous gift from Doreen Hall to commemorate her lifelong love of nature.

There are many exotic plants housed in the Conservatory that will pique the interest of visitors. Included in this extraordinary array you will find the sansevieria trifasciata, native to tropical West Africa. This plant is commonly known as the Snake Plant due to the shape and design of its leaves. Wandering through the Conservatory you will also find the Pony Tail Palm, which is not a palm tree at all. This native of Mexico received its name from its large base and large head of pendulous, smooth edged flat leaves. This plant is unique in that no two specimens are alike. It is also sometimes referred to as the "elephant's foot". There are many surprises awaiting at the Conservatory, including the birds of paradise, bromeliads, the dwarf banana tree and the century plant, which is a member of the family from which



Conservatory Fountain

tequila is made. We invite you to come and pay a visit 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.



Husky Energy

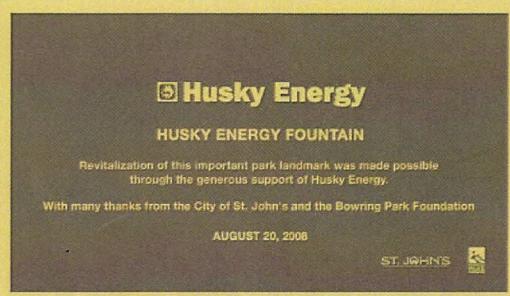


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Husky Energy - Founding Member White Swan Club

In recognizing their leadership role as the lead corporate sponsor of the Bowring Park Centennial Fund Campaign, the Bowring Park Foundation is pleased to welcome Husky Energy as the Founding member of the White Swan Club. *"This award was created to recognize significant corporate donations to the Bowring Park Centennial Fund campaign,"* said Mike Power, Chairman of the Bowring

Park Foundation. The Foundation is looking forward to welcoming additional members from the corporate community to the White Swan Club. Corporate gifts directed to the Bowring Park Centennial Fund Campaign will be dedicated to the revitalization and development of Bowring Park. Join our campaign and help to "remember the magic."



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A big shout-out goes to CNA students Megan Cull and Todd Wells for their valuable contribution to this issue of The Trumpet.

