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Trumpet newsletter

Splash Park & Barrier Free Playground Set for Summer Opening

Bowring Park will feature two new play structures this coming summer. The area of the park that was the parking lot near the swimming pool is being re-developed to accommodate a new barrier free playground as well as a uniquely designed water feature we call "the splash - park". Both of these features are bound to be a big hit with the younger set.

The Bowring Park Foundation (BPF) has been working in co-operation with the City of St John's on a number of projects designed to enhance the Park's infrastructure. These initiatives are part of the Bowring Park Master Plan. At the outset, the Foundation identified a number of initiatives at the midstream section of the Park as its priority areas for re-development. The Husky Energy Fountain was the first in a series of projects in this area of the Park. "We will continue with our re-development plans at midstream." said Mike Power, Chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation. "We still have

a lot of work to do as we continue with our revitalization plans for Bowring Park. The barrier free playground and the splash-park will be great additions to the Park's infrastructure." said Mr. Power.

The uniquely designed structures will have a number of key features that will improve the aesthetics of the area. The splash - park for example, will have a surface that is visually attractive, and will feature directional water jets, sprinkler devices and fountains that can be easily manipulated by the children using the structure. The barrier free playground will have components that can accommodate the needs of the visually, hearing and physically impaired youth. The specially structured base for the playground is designed to improve site mobility. The Grand Concourse Authority (GCA) is the project manager for this work. According to Addison Bown of the GCA, it is expected that the site will be ready for use by early summer.



Volunteers Make a Difference

The Bowring Park Foundation's Board of Directors would like to thank the following individuals who have assisted the Foundation over the past year: Boyd Chubbs, Ron Coady, Jim Costello, Glenn Gillard, Herb Hopkins, Leslie Noseworthy, George Penny and Hazel Smith.

In addition to these individuals, the Foundation would like to thank the following organizations for their valuable contributions: Coady's Metal Works, Grand Concourse Authority, Husky Energy, New Dock, Newfoundland Power and United Way of Avalon.

"Volunteerism is at the heart of everything we do at the Bowring Park Foundation." said Mike Power, Chair BPF. Many thanks to all of our members and our valuable volunteers.

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Capital Campaign Team Taking Shape

Jesse Stirling to Lead Campaign



Jesse Stirling

Mike Power, chairman of the Bowring Park Foundation, is pleased to announce that Jesse Stirling will lead the 2014 Bowring Park Centennial Fund Capital Campaign Team. “We are very pleased and enthused that Jesse has agreed to take the lead for this very exciting campaign.” said Mr. Power. “The Stirling family have been leaders in our business community for decades and it is great to see Jesse step up to lead a team of volunteers dedicated to securing the financial resources required to see the Park’s Master Plan recommendations implemented.” said Mr. Power. Jesse has been meeting with Board members over the past couple of weeks and his enthusiasm for the project is infectious. “ I am honored to have been asked to lead this campaign.” said Mr. Stirling. “Bowring Park has been an integral part of our community for close to 100 years and the magic of this magnificent landscape continues to create memories for the thousands who visit the Park annually.” he said. Jesse will soon be inviting other leaders of the community to join him on the campaign.

Jesse currently works as Vice President of Sales & Programming for NTV, OZ FM, and The Newfoundland Herald. A professional executive with more than 15 years of management experience, Jesse brings skill, passion and creativity to all his business endeavors. Throughout his career, Jesse has served on a variety of boards, including: The Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the Canadian Television Executive Committee, the St. John’s Maple Leafs Foundation, and the St. John’s Boys and Girls Club. “I am looking forward to helping our city, our province and our country remember the magic of Bowring Park, as this special place approaches one hundred years of existence.” said Mr. Stirling. Welcome aboard Jesse.



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 go back into the park’s restoration and preservation projects.



Photo By: David Bennett

BPF and MUN Botanical Garden Create Winter Getaway Conservatory Becomes a Tropical Paradise

The Bowring Park Foundation and MUN Botanical Garden teamed up to turn the Conservatory into a tropical paradise this past winter. The program was aimed at the young and the young at heart. Many schools took advantage of the program to teach their students about tropical plants and animals.

Many seniors groups also came through the conservatory to take advantage of this educational program. Visitors to the Conservatory spent time meeting the animals that were featured and learning about the many foods we eat every day from the tropics. Many commented that it was a great way to socialize with old friends and at the same time chase away the winter blues.

The program offered a number of scheduled events each week that included tropical topics with guest speakers from MUN Botanical Garden.

Topics ranged from orchids, tree pruning, to the care of tropical house plants. On Fridays, a successful parents and tots program was offered. The children and their caregivers got to feed the ducks, read stories and make new friends.

There were many interesting lectures on gardening and natural history topics presented by knowledgeable staff and volunteers from MUN Botanical Garden and the City of St. John's. Presenters included Tim Walsh, Ross Traverse, Dr. Wilf Nichols, Todd Boland, Carl White and David Evans. The program was coordinated by Gayna Rowe of the Bowring Park Foundation and Joy Barfoot of MUN Botanical Garden. Many thanks go to Jane Eales and Sarah Reynolds for their excellent work delivering this very successful program. Grateful appreciation is also extended to the guest lecturers for giving their time and expertise.



Sarah Reynolds, Jane Eales & Joy Barfoot



Dr. Wilf Nichols delivers a session



Jane Eales talks tropics to area youth



The picture to the left is significant for a couple of reasons. The famed artist Basil Gotto, who created two of the province's major icons, the Fighting Newfoundlander and the Caribou Monument, was also a war correspondent for the Daily Express of London during WWI. Gotto is seated on the left side of the second row and immediately to his left is Sir. Winston Churchill who, at that time of this picture, was reporting for the Morning Post.

Virginia Lake & Kenny's

Pond to Get Swans

Swans were first introduced to Bowring Park in 1946. In the Spring of 2003 an additional four swans (two breeding pairs) purchased by the Bowring Park Foundation, were presented to the City of St. John's. There are now eleven swans in total in the City. These magnificent birds have been a joy to Bowring Park patrons for years. Swans require their space and to accommodate their needs they have been placed in various locations throughout the city.



City officials have told The Trumpet that two swans will be returned to Mundy Pond and a pair will be placed in Virginia Lake and Kenny's Pond. The cygnets that were born last year will be held in Bowring Park.

City Issues Tender Call

Memorial Plaque Installation

"Those young men fought and died for our freedom. We will never forget this and we will always appreciate that they paid for our freedom with their lives. The Caribou Memorial in beautiful Bowring Park has always been a fitting tribute to those heroes who fell in our defense. Now we have a chance to further honor the sacrifice of these brave men by placing their names on this memorial in Newfoundland and Labrador just as they are placed on the memorial at Beaumont Hamel. In a small and symbolic way, we will finally bring these soldiers home."

Premier Danny Williams, July 1st, 2007 at Bowring Park.

During a July 1st ceremony at the Caribou Monument in Bowring Park in 2007, Premier Williams announced plans to replicate the three plaques at the Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland



Memorial in France and place these plaques at the base of the Caribou Monument in Bowring Park. A project team lead by the Department of Tourism, Culture & Recreation, the City of St. John's, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and the Royal Canadian Legion have been working on the design, development and construction of the replica plaques. These

plaques bear the names of the 820 fallen members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the Royal Navy Reserve, and the Newfoundland Mercantile Marines. "It is comforting to know that the names of the heroic young men who died in that conflict without a grave to mark their passing will

have a place at this site, in their home province, where we can continue to honor them." said Honourable Tom Hedderson.

The City of St. John's has issued a tender call for the preparation of the site at the Caribou Memorial in Bowring Park. It is anticipated that the plaques will be in place for the annual July 1st Memorial Day of Remembrance ceremonies.

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