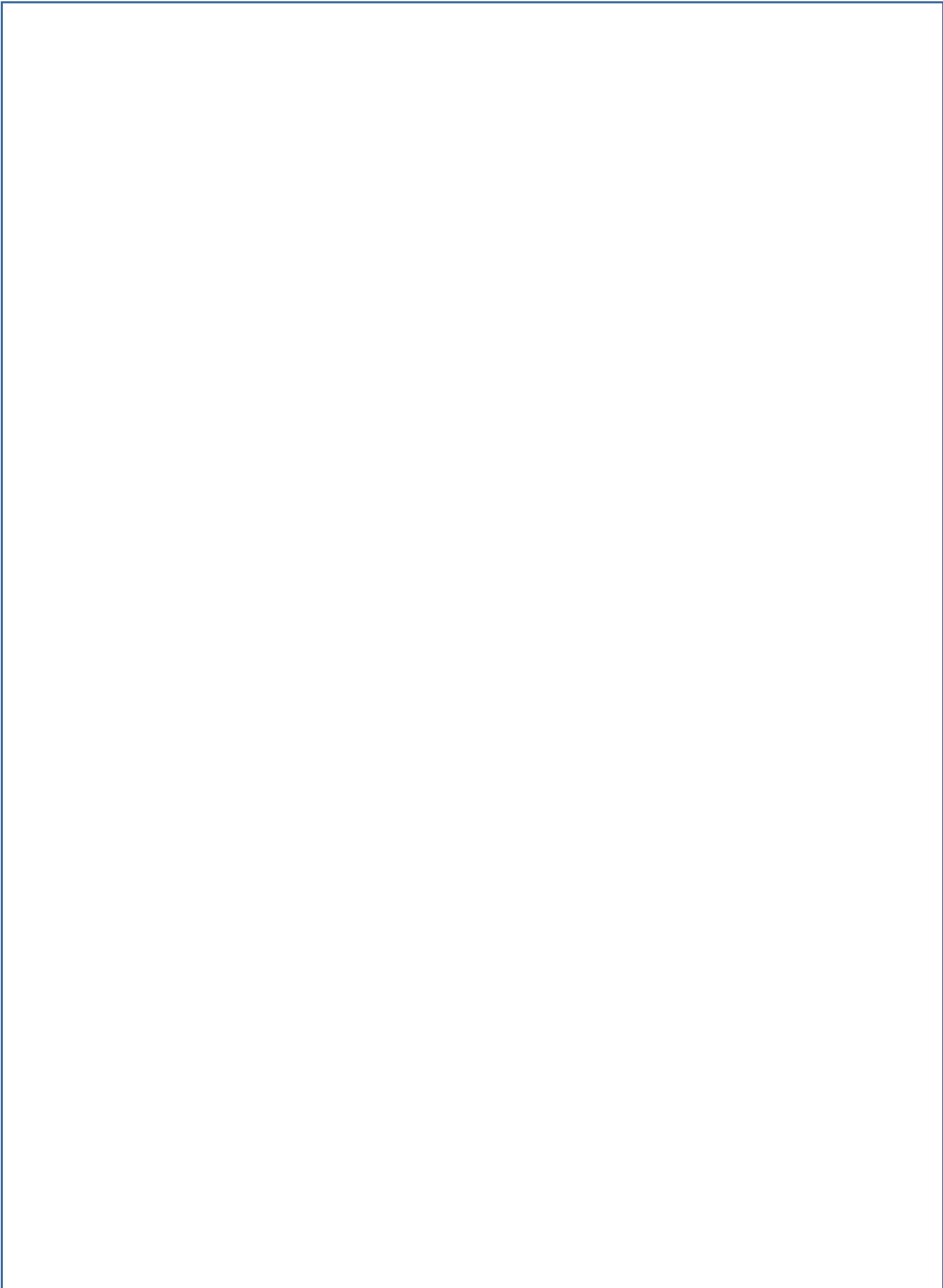


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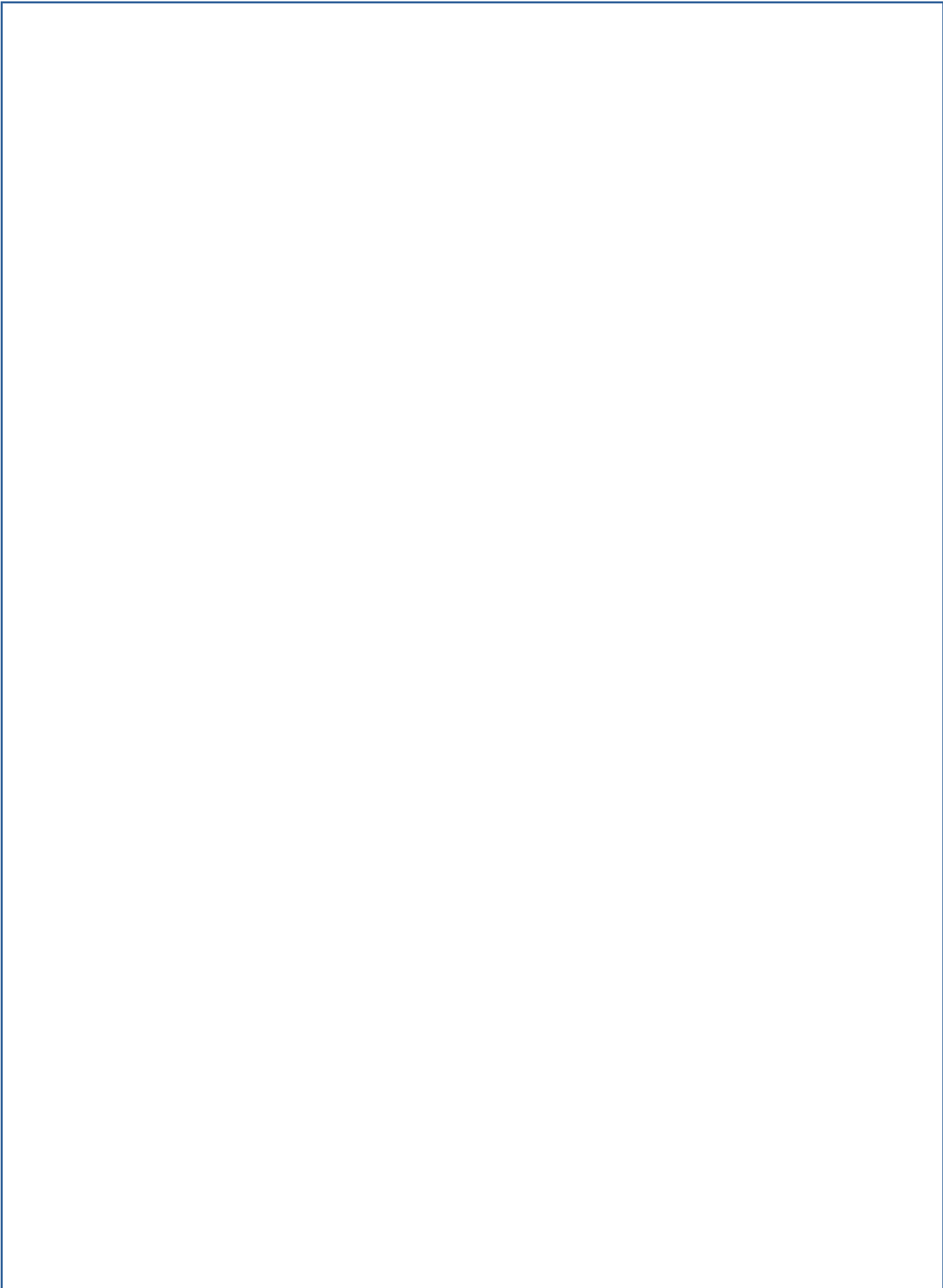


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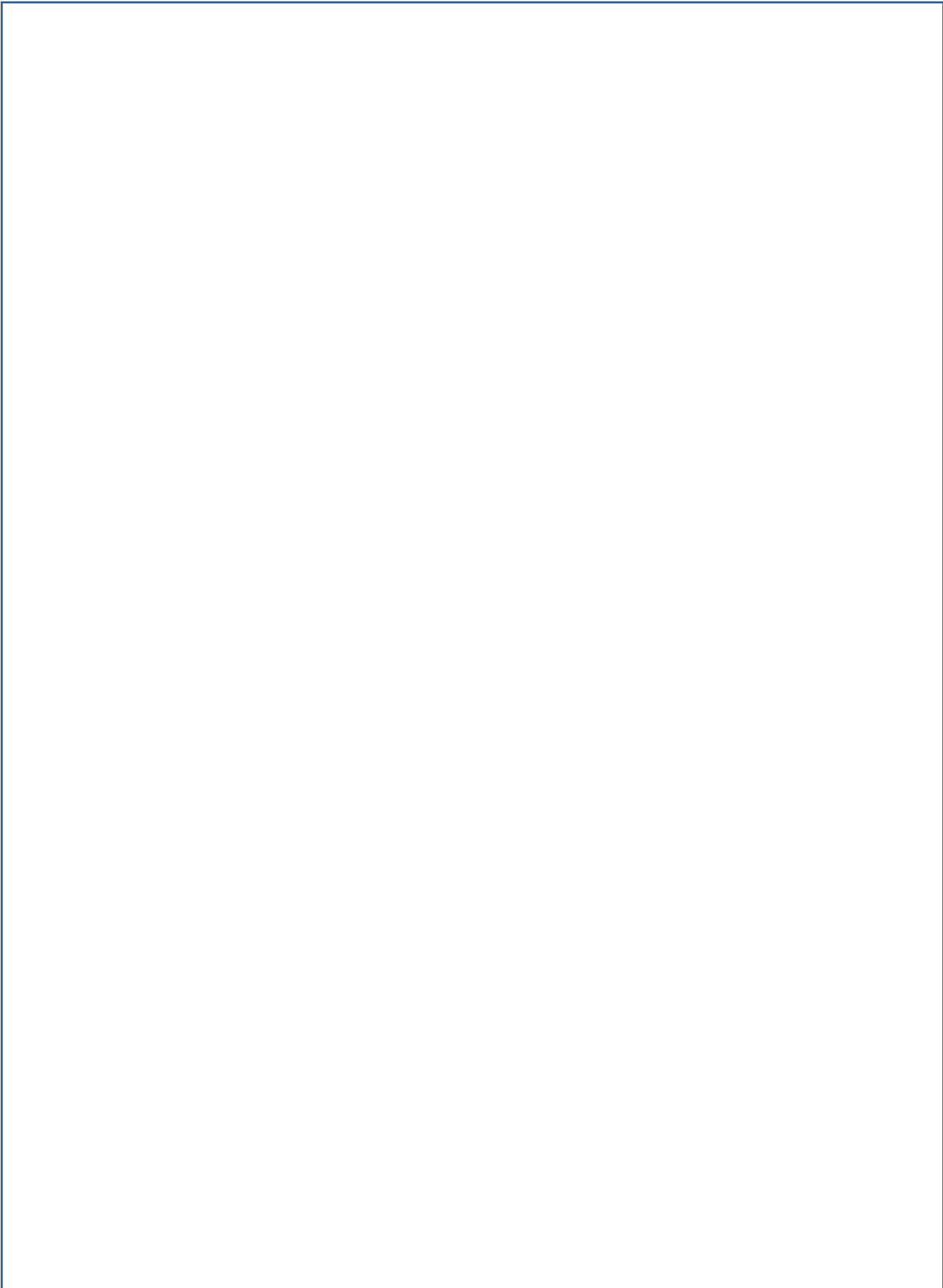
Friend of the Community

Who Passed Away, August 16, 2006



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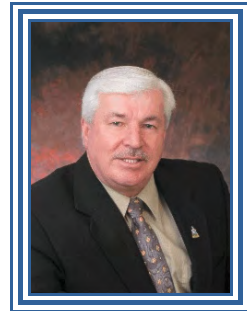
*Mayor
&
Council*

City of Summerside Council



Mayor Basil L. Stewart

Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall - Financial Services,
Councillor Paul Power - Technical Services, Councillor Garth Lyle - Police Services,
Councillor Merlin Cormier - Municipal Services, Councillor Brent Gallant - Economic Development,
Councillor Norma McColeman - Human Resources, Councillor Barry Chappell - Recreation & PR,
Councillor Tasia Lambe - Fire Services



Councillors

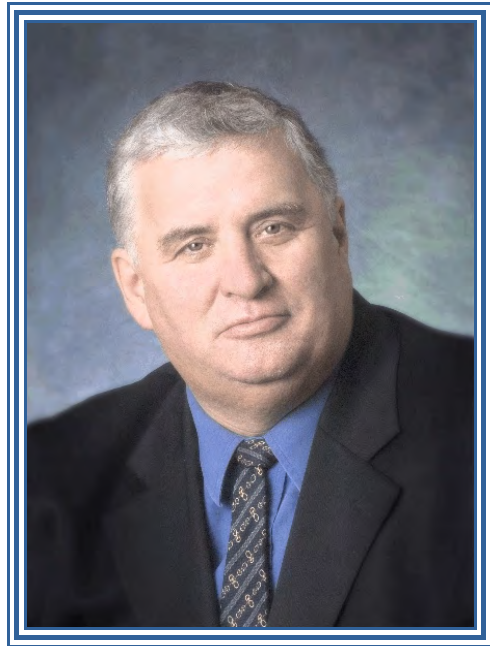
Council Elect

Mayor Basil Stewart,
Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall, Councillor Barry Chappell,
Councillor Brent Gallant, Councillor Vance Bridges, Councillor Garth Lyle,
Councillor Ron Dowling, Councillor Norma McColeman,
Councillor Cory Thomas



C.A.O.
&
Directors

Terry Murphy - Chief Administrative Officer,
Dave Poirier - Chief of Police, Malcolm Millar - Director of Financial Services,
Mike Thususka - Director of Economic Development,
Joanne Corkum - Director of Recreation & PR, Aaron MacDonald - Director of Technical Services,
Gordon MacFarlane - Director of HR & Legal Affairs,
Greg Gaudet - Director of Municipal Services, Jim Peters - Fire Chief



The
Makeup

City of Summerside
2006 Annual Report

Mayor: Basil L. Stewart

Deputy Mayor: Bruce MacDougall

Councillors: Barry Chappell
Merlin Cormier
Brent Gallant
Tasia Lambe
Garth Lyle
Norma McColeman
Paul Power

C.A.O.: Terry Murphy

Department Heads: Aaron MacDonald
Dave Poirier
Greg Gaudet
Malcolm Millar
Mike Thususka
Gordon MacFarlane
Jim Peters
Joanne Corkum

Solicitor: Cox & Palmer

Auditor: Grant Thornton

Population: 14,654

Area: 28.73 sq. km.

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Administration

Karen Evans

Economic Development

Nancy Beth Guptill Fred Horne Paul MacWilliams Lori Ellis

Fire Services

Lawrence LaPierre

Financial Services

Debbie Cameron Marilyn Dawson Kristen Dunsford Cathy Gaudet
 Roy Hogan Dianne MacLaren Michelle MacLeod Anna Moore
 Shannon Stewart

Human Resources

Susan Jeffery Sheila Williams

Municipal Services

Chris Arsenault Darrell Arsenault Hal Birch Larry Blacquiere
 Reg Blanchard Ernest Burke Chris Cole Emmett Curley
 Ron Curtis Wilfred DesRoches Gary McInnis Fred Gallant
 Paul Gallant Allan Gaudet Kevin Gaudet Trevor Harris
 David Holt Harry Hutchinson Robert Irving Gary Kelly
 Paul Kelly Jim Steele Paul MacAusland Jeff MacDonald
 Owen MacDonald Allan MacDougall Everett Moase Frank Murphy
 Doris Palmer Brian Conrad Rick Morrison Ernie Steele

Police Services

Cathy Arsenault Stewart Andrews Barry Arsenault Scott Baker
 Trevor Birt Jason Blacquiere David Buell Connie Perry
 Dale Corish Lorna DeWare Jennifer Driscoll Faye Gallant
 David Griffin Jeff Kerwin Donna Cannon Ronald MacLean
 Shawn McCarthy Troy McGee Brett Murphy David Murphy
 Milo Murray Susan Naud Joe Peters Wade Ryder
 Maurice Rio Mike Rioux Lindsay Rogers
 Dennis Sherren Sinclair Walker Tanya Yeo-Campbell

Recreation & Public Relations

Roger Ahern Ron MacInnis Paul Gallant Clarence Wedge
 Steven Leard Trent Williams Dale Martin Barb McNeil
 Peggy Miles Tim Greencorn Reg Richard Brian Hawrylak
 Lori Wedge

Technical Services

Mary Drummond Tony Gallant Murray Pinchuk Phil Hardy
 John Hastings Linda Irving Thayne Jenkins

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Volunteer Fire Department

Marcel Arsenault	Lawrence LaPierre
James Arsenault	James MacAusland
Adam Blacquiere	Kory MacAusland
Craig Blacquiere	Jason MacAusland
James Blacquiere	Barry MacDonald
Jean Bouchard	Gordon MacFadyen
Dale Cameron	Steve MacIsaac
Gordon Campbell	Roger MacKinnon
Jeff Bernard	Wayne MacKinnon
Jason Cameron	Dwane MacNeill
Kent Moase	Jason McCarville
Kenny Culleton	Raymond McCourt
Reginald DesRoches	Brian Morrison
Steven DesRoches	Rick Morrison
Brian Edwards	Tony Perry
Ron Enman	Bernie Peters
Brent Gallant	Tom Peters
Douglas Gallant	Blair Phillips
Gary Gallant	Lyndon Pineau
Elliott Olscamp	Robert Rankin
Tony Gallant	Danny Richard
Mike Glover	Adam Rogers
John Hastings	Chris Ross
Bruce Hickey	Wilfred Smith
Steve Gunning	Leo Stewart
Robert Irving	Ernie Steele
Darren Kelly	Jamie Thompson
Paul Kelly	Tyler DesRoches
Pat Kelly	Barry Whalen
Clay Moase	William Leuty

Annual Reports



City Hall
Original Construction 1886
Renovated & Expanded 2003

*Annual Report
of
Mayor Basil L. Stewart
December 31, 2006*

I am pleased to submit the 2006 Annual Report. The year has been another very busy year for Mayor, Council, and Staff. Councillors and the CAO, will be submitting their annual reports, and will include all activities for each Department, so I will touch briefly on some highlights for the year.

There were 43.8 million dollars issued in development permits during 2006. The permits create a lot of economic development and activity within and for our City.

Early in the year there was a Federal Election, January 23rd. A new Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, was elected, and we congratulate Hon. Joe McGuire on his re-election as MP for Summerside and Prince County. Mr. Don Reid was sworn in as the new Chamber of Commerce President, on January 25, 2006. Mr. Reid and his Executive had a very successful year, and we thank them very much. The Junior Mayor & Council were sworn-in on January 31st. This was a very special evening. The Junior Mayor from 1967, Mr. Parker Rodd, and Junior Councillor, Danny McNeill, attended the ceremonies.

In February, Summerside lost a long time Sports Reporter; namely, John "Realm" McNeill. Mr. McNeill wrote the sports column for over 50 years in the Journal-Pioneer. The Mayor's Good Neighbor Award was presented to Mr. Allan Parks, on April 3rd. This Award is in Honour of Her Worship, the Late Frances O. Perry. During 2006 I held a number of meetings with the Prince County Mayors and Chairs, to discuss things of interest pertaining to Prince County.

In April a very successful Trade Fair was held in the Transit Sheds, attracting close to ten thousand visitors. The Annual Meeting of the Federation of PEI Municipalities was held in Souris, on May 1st, and very successful. Also, on May 5th we held the official opening of our new Pool and Aquatic Center. Hon. Peter MacKay attended, representing ACOA and the Federal Government. In June, while attending the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Annual Meeting, I was elected 3rd Vice-President. This was a great honour, and I thank everyone for their support.

July was a busy month, beginning with Canada Day ceremonies, and the announcement of our Citizen of the Year, Captain Steve Manuel, as well as the Youth of the Year, Ryan Keefe, and the C. Ross MacKenzie' Award to the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI, in recognition of outstanding contribution to Canadian Spirit. A major renovation to our Summerside Raceway took place, and was completed and opened on July 3rd. The track is now beautiful and discussions are ongoing with the Provincial Government on a new grandstand building. I was invited to the City of Stirling, Scotland, to attend as their Chieftain of the Highland Games. That was an amazing experience, and also an opportunity to promote Summerside, and PEI. We expect a delegation from Stirling to visit Summerside in 2007. In July, the HMCS Summerside, and crew, visited our City, and an invitation is out to them for 2007. Karen Evans was hired as Executive Assistant for Mayor, Council, and CAO. Congratulations Karen. Another successful Lobster Carnival Parade and Governor's Plate Race was held on July 22nd. Congratulations and thanks to all involved with the Carnival. I attended the Swearing-In of our new Lieutenant Governor, Barbara Hagerman, on July 31st. Our City continues the tradition of Special Events, and we had a number of International Golfers staying in Summerside while attending the Acadian Cup in late July.

On a personal note, I attended our 35th Reunion of our Police Academy Graduation on August 5th, in Summerside. Also in August, the highly successfully Sally Basler Senior Open Golf Tournament was held August 16th - 17th which was their 20th

tournament . I traveled to Brudenell to participate in the 2009 Canada Summer Games' announcement by Premier Binns, and the Federal Government represented by the Federal Minister of Sport. We look forward to the 2009 Games. The 2006 National Midget Baseball Championship was held at Queen Elizabeth Park in August.

In September, everyone was saddened to hear about the death of Cpl. Frank Mellish. Funeral services were held on September 12th, in Summerside. Also in September, a very successful Air Show was performed over our Waterfront by the famous "Snow Birds". The Premier and Provincial Cabinet met with Mayor and Council in Summerside, to discuss Summerside issues and concerns. I attended two Atlantic Mayor's Meetings in 2006, one in Halifax, in April, and one in Wolfville, in September.

In October, the Mayor's Medal of Honor was presented posthumously to the late Charles Linkletter. Mrs. Marilyn Linkletter accepted the Medal in her late husband's honor. On October 17th, I traveled to Ottawa, to meet with Hon. Carol Skelton, Minister of Revenue, to discuss jobs at the Summerside Tax Center. Minister Skelton made a commitment that she would visit the Summerside Tax Center. We held discussions with Hon. Mike Currie, regarding the Kholer Window Plant, and the jobs at the plant.

November 6th was Municipal Election Day in the City. I congratulate all Councillors, and I thank the people of Summerside for giving me their support as I begin my 8th term as Mayor of this great little City. In November we participated in the Remembrance Day Services at Memorial Square, and the St. Eleanor's Cenotaph. The Swearing-In of the new Mayor and Council elected on November 6th, took place at City Hall on December 11th, to be effective January 1, 2007. A large crowd attended, including Premier Binns and MLA's. The 2009 Canada Games Office opened in Summerside, downtown, on December 15th. We thank the Games for their downtown presence. 2006 closed out with a large gathering on the evening of December 31st, at 6:00 PM, in Memorial Square, to bring in the New Year.

I want to thank Council and all City Staff for their support and great work over the past year. I congratulate those employees who retired during 2006, and wish them well. I thank the Federal and Provincial Governments for their cooperation and support. We look forward to working with our Chamber of Commerce, SRDC, Slemon Park, Downtown Business Association, and all organizations for the betterment of our City. There were numerous functions, anniversaries, birthdays, press conferences, and events attended during the year, too numerous to mention.

We have exciting times ahead with the opening of our new Wellness Center, new Pollution Plant, Wind Farm, Downtown Revitalization, Heritage Gardens, new Grandstands, Soccer Fields, Waterfront and West End Developments, and many other projects throughout the City, such as the redevelopment of the old Prince County Hospital' property, and the new Parkside gym.

In closing, I want to thank our Executive Assistant, Karen Evans, for all her great work. I also want to thank my wife, Gail, and my family, for their support over the past year. Thank you to the media as well.

I wish all the citizens good health, and much success to all businesses.

Respectfully Submitted



Basil L. Stewart
Mayor

Annual Report
Department of Economic Development
Councillor Brent Gallant
December 31, 2006

As Chair of the Economic Development Committee for the City of Summerside, I am pleased to report that Summerside's robust economy continued to flourish in 2006 with new investments, new infrastructure developments and major expansion projects. Summerside continued to boast a strong economic business climate that supported over 15 new business starts and 10 business expansions in the following industries and business sectors: retail; craft and giftware; health care and medical science; wellness; education; aerospace; information technology; and processing and manufacturing.

Under the Community Strategic Plan, the Economic Development including Tourism is charged with two main priorities:

1. To ensure balanced growth and liveable communities which are proud of their heritage, have thriving downtowns, appropriate services and a sustained urban-rural mix.
2. To build the City's economy and support the development of a highly diversified economic base and employment opportunities.

In 2006, Summerside experienced \$24 million in new construction, of which \$8.1 million was new commercial development. Summerside saw many significant and exciting infrastructure projects come to fruition including the completion of Phase I of the new Summerside Wellness and Convention Centre, which truly is a tremendous asset for our City.

With a mid-summer opening, the Summerside Convention Centre officially opened its doors for business in July 2006, and had a very successful first year. Within its first six months of operation, the Summerside Convention Centre Event Planning Team built a strong reputation within the local Atlantic Canadian market as a meeting convention centre that provides first class meeting facilities, excellent client services, and superior after-care services. From July to December of 2006, a total of 16 events were hosted at the centre and total delegate attendance of 2,922. Event types included concerts, opening receptions, closing banquets, breakfast meetings, employee training, high-school safe grads, Christmas parties for businesses, wellness fairs, and small scale-tradeshows.

Meanwhile, in keeping with the City's mandate to attract various ICI investment to the community, Summerside Economic Development, along with Summerside Regional Development Corporation and Royal LePage Country Estates, successfully attracted, assisted and supported a British Columbia based Montessori School to expand its operations to Summerside.

As we look specifically at the operations of the Wyatt Heritage properties we are able to report on a busy year, total visitation of 10,810 exceeded the previous numbers reported for any prior year of operation. This is a 48 % percent increase over last year and a testament to the increasing value our local and visiting communities place on heritage and cultural experiences.

Staff and project workers continue to deliver and build on successful programs and services. Interest in programs and activities grew within the local community and our summer and winter public and school programs were a huge success again in 2006 serving 7,559 participants. This is a 63.7 % increase over our program numbers reported in 2005. In 2006 the Wyatt Heritage Properties made important strides forward on a number of projects based on the building of new audiences. These initiatives include an active outreach program and programs directed at youth, seniors, and corporate groups.

Wyatt Heritage Properties was a key player in Heritage Week activities in Summerside and was asked by the Provincial Celebrate Canada Day Committee to present our Wyatt Olde Fashioned Carnival pre-Canada Day event to the Community of Charlottetown and Montague.

Visitors to the Wyatt House and researchers at the MacNaught Archives were equally pleased with their hospitality and the quality of venues and continue to provide positive feedback. The Wyatt Heritage Properties has embarked on the development of cultural outreach program component that fits with the newly implemented Social Studies curriculum for the Atlantic Provinces, the Wyatt received a grant from the Community Museums Association to support this initiative and schools are already signed up for the 2007 program.

Our vision of Summerside portrays a city renowned for its cultural energy, flavor and cultural tourism opportunities where arts, culture and heritage thrive. Toward this vision, the Wyatt Heritage Properties continues to build on audiences, excel in our growth a care of collections, and refine and develop services and programs to meet the demands and needs of our stakeholders.

In conclusion, Economic development which is a highly competitive field where the difference between one location over another is narrowing and global competitive forces are requiring a whole new set of approaches to success. Our vision is for Summerside is to have a competitive economy, with the best quality of life in the world. Toward this vision, the City continues to work collaboratively with businesses, people and communities to increase capacity for success, raising the profile of the community locally, nationally and internationally and fostering an environment that supports sustainable economic growth.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Gallant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Councillor Brent Gallant
Chair of the Economic Development Committee

Annual Report
Department of Financial Services
Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall
December 31, 2006

As Chairman of the Financial Services Committee, it gives me great pleasure to present to you this Annual Report on behalf of the Department of Financial Services.

The Department of Financial Services, under the authority of the Chief Administrative Officer, is responsible for the management, custody and control of the financial affairs of the City. To meet these responsibilities, the Department undertakes the following activities:

Daily accounting functions including utility billing, receipts, accounts receivables, payments, accounts payable, and general ledger maintenance;

- Provision of interim financial reports and other information to departments;
- Preparation and coordination of Annual Audited Financial Statements;
- Coordination of the development of the Annual Budget;
- Make recommendations regarding the development, implementation and evaluation of internal controls;
- Make recommendations regarding the appointment of Auditors;
- Risk Management including the securing and management of appropriate insurance coverage;
- Cash and debt management;
- Management and coordination of the following policies:
 - Tendering Policy
 - Purchasing Policy
 - Travel Policy
 - Community Grants Policy
- Liaise with other orders of government in matters relating to taxation and finance;
- Assist the Council, CAO and other department heads in making the City of Summerside Atlantic Canada's premier city.

Local government exists to provide services to its citizens, and Summerside has extended that service obligation and confidence to our constituents through the coordinated identification and scheduling of our capital improvement needs. In that regard, the planning for public facilities to serve the needs of the community, and the public's support and acceptance of those identified needs, has been very successful in Summerside. Over the years, voters' authorization of City initiatives testifies to this coordinated and cooperative effort on behalf of our citizens and taxpayers in this community. This past year saw significant progress on the construction of the City's new Wellness Centre and also our new treatment plant, both of which will be completed in 2007. We certainly anticipate that this somewhat unique and longstanding approach to capital facilities planning will continue in the future as additional facilities, transportation needs, infrastructure needs and recreational needs of the community present themselves upon the service providers through our continuing growth.

The annual budget adopted by the City Council reflects the main policy directives that City Council uses in establishing predetermined goals and strategies for the City of Summerside. In that regard, continued diversification of the tax base combined with user fees where appropriate, has been both accomplished and successful. Continued strengthening of user

fees to provide those services not necessarily dedicated from tax revenues, and maintaining service levels in a manner that meets the community's needs and expectations, were also addressed.

The staff and City Council continue to purposely forecast general fund revenues on a conservative basis in order to guard against any major shifts in expenditures on a year to year basis, and in addition, the establishment of budgetary and financial policies, with regard to fund balances and debt management, has provided a strong base for responsible financial management of the City's fiscal resources.

In 2006 the City entered into agreements with West Cape Wind Energy Inc. and New Brunswick Power Generation Corporation. The agreement with West Cape is a twenty year agreement for the purchase of wind power while the agreement with NB Power is for the remaining City power requirements until March, 2008. The City will continue to pursue the development of its own wind generation to help reduce the amounts purchased from outside suppliers.

This past year was another busy and exciting year for the Department of Financial Services. On an overall basis, I am pleased with the continued growth in assessment for both the commercial and residential sectors of our tax base. This growth is the result of establishing the proper environment for business and individuals to live and work. Growth in assessment is one of the key tools available to the City for providing an ever expanding list of municipal services.

The City corporation delivers services costing the residents of Summerside in excess of \$30 million annually and, as such, it is the responsibility of the employees of the City to provide those services to you the residents. The day to day decisions made by the employees in delivering those services directly affect the quality of those services and the financial resources consumed in their delivery. This dedicated group continues to make sound choices so to this group I again say, *"congratulations on a job well done"*.

To ensure the City's continued ability to provide reasonably comparable levels of service for reasonably comparable levels of taxation compared to other areas of the province, we have asked the government of the province to correct growing inequities in their equalization grant formula. Near unanimous support was received from the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities to move this initiative forward because it's fair and it's the right thing to do.

As we close off another year of operation, I would also like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to the Mayor and Council for their support in ensuring that the financial implications of each and every decision they make are paramount. As well I thank our CAO along with each member of the Department of Financial Services for their efforts throughout the year

Respectfully Submitted



Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall
Chair of the Financial Services Committee

Annual Report
 Department of Fire Services
 Councillor Vance Bridges
 December 31, 2006

On behalf of the Fire Services Committee of the City of Summerside, I am pleased to submit the 2006 Annual Report.

During the year 2006, fire losses totaled \$76,000 within the Summerside Fire Department coverage area as compared to \$1,009,200 the previous year. There were no losses of life by fire in 2006. There were 156 responses by Station One and 33 by Station Two. The type of responses included:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
▶ Mutual Aid	0	0
▶ Rescue	13	10
▶ Alarm Panel	71	76
▶ Flue Fires	3	3
▶ Dumpster/Rubbish	5	3
▶ Electrical	9	1
▶ Grass Fires	14	11
▶ Vehicle Fires	12	4
▶ Structural Fires	9	8
▶ Appliance Fires	16	5
▶ Accidental False Alarms	11	8
▶ Malicious False Alarms	0	2
▶ Miscellaneous	29	58
▶ Suspected Arson	1	0
▶ Carbon Monoxide	6	3

A breakdown of responses which occurred since 2000 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Responses</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Fire Deaths</u>
2000	239	\$482,100	0
2001	223	\$494,700	0
2002	262	\$567,000	1
2003	234	\$640,800	0
2004	240	\$1,634,100	0
2005	197	\$1,009,200	1
2006	189	\$76,000	0

Training

Deputy Chief Tom Peters organized training sessions weekly through out the year covering breathing apparatus, ladders, pump operation, vehicle extraction, preplanning, ice rescue and ventilation. Fire Fighters also attended courses at the PEI

Fire Fighters School. Fire Fighters are required to have a minimum of 40 hours training per year and in 2006 they averaged 47.8 hours.

Personnel

Fire Fighter Joe Jr. Gallant retired with 18 years of service with the Summerside Fire Department and Bruce Hickey with 19 years as back up dispatcher for Station 1. New probationary Fire Fighters taken in include Adam Blacquiere, Jason Cameron, Steven MacIsaac and Jamie Thompson..

Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is made up of retired Fire Fighters and was formed in 2003. In 2006 they helped with fund raising projects and helped celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Summerside's Great 1906 Fire which leveled a large central portion of Summerside. The re-enactment of the Fire was held in October at the Wyatt Heritage Properties and was covered by CBC, ATV, Globe and CBC French Channels, giving Summerside wide coverage right across the country. The Auxiliary also helped with the building of a float for the Lobster Carnival Parade in Summerside and the Gold Cup and Saucer Parade in Charlottetown. The float was well received in both locations taking awards.

Fire Prevention

In 2006 Fire Fighter Lawrence LaPierre promoted Fire Safety to children at various Summerside schools and hosted students and groups at Station One.

Equipment

In 2006 we purchased a pumper/tanker truck to replace an aging Engine #4 and the old Tanker. This will add to Station 2's first attack capabilities. Other vehicles in our Fire Hall's include - Vehicles: Engine 1 - 1991 Spartan - 1050 GPM - 800 Gallons; Engine 2 - 1991 Spartan - 1050 GPM - 800 Gallons; Engine 3 - 1995 Spartan - 1050 GPM - 800 Gallons;; Ladder - 2002 Smeal - 1750 GPM - 85 feet; Salvage - 1991 Grumman Olsen Step Van; Rescue - 1999 GMC Van.

We continue to upgrade our self contained breathing apparatus on a yearly basis by purchasing 4500 psi - 30 minute sets.

In closing, I wish to thank all members of the Summerside Fire Department for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of Summerside.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Vance Bridges
Chair of the Fire Services Committee

Annual Report
Department of H.R. & Legal Affairs
Councillor Norma McColeman
December 31, 2006

On behalf of the Human Resources and Legal Affairs Committee of the City of Summerside, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2006.

It was another busy and challenging year in the Department. In addition to providing Payroll Services, Benefits Assistance, Council Support, Legal Advice, Guidance, and Representation, the Department's employees have accomplished the following:

Staffing

The Department was busy this past year with job competitions and staffing, including unionized, non-unionized, and management positions.

Retirements:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Anna Marie MacDonald | Administrative Assistant |
| • Betty MacDonald | Accounting Clerk |
| • Blair Phillips | Ice Maker |
| • Ian Drummond | Director of Police Services |
| • Don Forbes | Director of Municipal Services |
| • Milton Montgomery | Equipment Operator |
| • Deric Affleck | Steno Police Services |

New Full-Time Employees

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| • Karen Evans | Executive Assistant |
| • Anna Moore | Accounting Clerk |
| • Cathy Arsenault | PIRS Clerk |
| • Gordon MacFarlane | Director of Human Resources and Legal Affairs |

Internal Position Changes

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| • Faye Gallant | PIRS Clerk - Police Steno |
| • Greg Gaudet | Electrical Engineer - Director of Municipal Services |
| • Dave Poirier | Sergeant - Director of Police Services |
| • Paul Gallant | Lineman Lead Hand - Distribution Supervisor |
| • Brian Conrad | Ice Maker - Equipment Operator |
| • Barry Arsenault | Corporal - Sergeant |

The Department continued to be busy this year with labor relations. New Collective Agreements were signed with C.U.P.E. 804 (Outside Workers), I.B.E.W. 1432 (Clerical Workers), I.B.E.W. 1432 (Internet-Installers). Negotiations continue with I.B.E.W. 1432 (Electrical Workers) and preparations for binding arbitration are ongoing for C.U.P.E. 1174 (Police and Fire Services).

The "Quality of Work Life Committee" met regularly during the year organizing wellness initiatives, training, and reward and recognition activities, while also leading and assisting in the organization of employee driven activities. The Committee continued, as in other years, with a monthly Employee newsletter for the staff, organized staff BBQ's, as well as the first annual Employee Appreciation Day at Shining Waters Family Fun Park. Midway through the year, part-time HR Coordinator Sandy Ripley resigned her position within the department. The QWL Committee would like to thank Sandy for all her hard work and dedication shown to City employees. A big "thank-you" goes out to the hardworking and dedicated individuals who have worked on the Committee during the year: Barry Arsenault, Linda Irving, Gordon MacFarlane, Mary Drummond, Jim Steele, Shannon Stewart, and Sandy Ripley.

This year's Wellness Initiatives included the 10-10-10 weight loss challenge, flu shots for 72 City employees, and a Wellness Fair at the new Summerside Convention Center where staff were able to have their blood pressure and cholesterol checked as well as speak to many other experts and practitioners in various health related fields.

In October approximately 70 Employees took part in the Phase Two of a Communications Training Initiative. The initiative was the result of recommendations from a Workplace Education PEI report that was and presented to the City in 2005.

The confidential Employees Assistance Program continues to be provided by Warren Sheppel. Statistics show that the program is well used by the City of Summerside Employees and their families. Representatives of Warren Sheppel attended the Wellness Fair to remind employees how the program works and the benefits it offers.

On April 1, 2006 a Rewards & Recognition Ceremony was held where twenty-three employees were recognized for their long service with the former municipalities and now the City of Summerside.

City employees from all departments teamed up to raise money for, and participated in various events including, Bowl for Kids Sake (Big Brothers Big Sisters), and Relay for Life (Cancer Society).

I wish to thank Departmental staff for the support provided for approximately 100 meetings during the past year. As well, I thank all City staff who have provided services over the past year.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Norma McColeman
Chair of the H.R. & Legal Affairs Committee

*Annual Report
Department of Municipal Services
Councillor Garth Lyle
December 31, 2006*

As Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, I am very pleased to present the 2006 Municipal Services Annual Report.

The Electric Utility's Distribution Sales are up 2.46% over 2005 with the majority of the gains being made in the Commercial Sector. The industrial sector saw a decline of 8.88% due to the cutbacks in production at Polar Foods and Canada Packers. The City's electric rates are designed to match those of the other Provincial Utility. The City continued with a fixed price contract with NB Power for its supply until November 1, 2006 and has entered into a new contract with NB Power until March 31, 2008 for 77% of its energy needs. The City of Summerside has entered into a 20 year power purchase agreement with Ventus energy which will see 23% of its energy needs being supplied with green energy from a wind farm in West Cape. The City's long term goal will be to continue pursuing suppliers on the open market and looking at alternate renewable sources of energy.

The kilowatt hours sales increased by 2.8% in 2006 mainly because consumption was up in the Commercial rate class. Revenue from total sales averaged 12.65 cents per kilowatt sold which was a decrease of 0.3% over 2005 due to a favorable power purchase agreement with NB Power which expired on November 1, 2006.

Generation at our Harvard Street generating station decreased to 32,046 kilowatt hours from 67,627 in 2005. The Utility needed to run twice in December 2006 for transmission congestion on the inter-provincial tie with New Brunswick. The majority of this generation was for testing purposes on a monthly basis.

The plant generation capacity was sold to W.P.S. as reserved capacity with monthly amounts designated each month of the year.

Distribution lines were extended on Burkeshire Drive, Walker Street, Murphy Street, Duke Street, Central Street, Gallant Street and a new circuit is being built for the new wellness centre and sewage treatment plant. In 2006, the Utility added 119 new customers which was up from 102 in 2005.

In the Public Works Division, two new plows and one backhoe were added to our fleet to replace aging equipment. With our salt management plan, weather conditions, and monitoring procedures our salt usage was reduced by 306 metric tons (1322 tons ordered in 2006) over 2005 (1628 tons).

The City continued with the new bilingual street sign project. The City purchased and replaced 100 signs and approximately 350 signs have been installed to date.

The following infrastructure was repaired during the year: - 69 Driveways and 16 storm basins.

There were no major snow storms in 2006.

The Water and Sewer Division experienced 14 water main breaks in 2006 and 7 water valves were repaired. Chlorinating units were installed on one more of the City's wells. The City continued to chlorinate the water system, take bi-weekly samples and

test for chlorine residual three and four times weekly. The City continued with its water protection strategy and constructed fencing around many of the well sites.

The City's Water & Sewer Department also repaired seven sanitary manholes with a number of sanitary mains cleaned, flushed and video taped.

The Pollution Control Treatment plant's usage flow was 1,942,000 which was a decrease of 9.5% over 2005. The disinfection process which occurred between May 1st and November 30th used 7,257.6 kilograms of chlorine to treat the affluent. There was 1,296 metric tons of sludge disposed of at the Wellington Landfill Site.

The Summerside Community Network began the year with 356 customers and finished the year with 572 a growth of 216 customers.

There were 33 permanent employees in the Municipal Services Department at year end. Non-productive days for the year 2006 stood at 1,753 which was an increase of 258 over 2005. Those days were comprised as follows:- 934 Annual vacation, 383 sick days, 401 statutory holidays, 8 for Workers Compensation, 20 pre-retirement sick days and 7 for bereavement leave.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Municipal Services staff for their dedication and hard work during the year.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Garth Lyle
Chair of the Municipal Services Committee

*Annual Report
Department of Police Services
Councillor Cory Thomas
December 31, 2006*

As Chairman of the Police Services Committee, I am pleased to present the Annual Police Services report, for the year 2006.

Summerside Police Services had another busy year in which 8077 new files were opened, compared to 8004 new files in 2005. The actual Criminal Code offences increased to 2456 as compared to 1771 in 2005. Our motor vehicle accident rate is down from last year, with a total of 230 accidents, compared to 348 in 2005. Of these, 113 were accidents with more than \$1,000.00 damage and, 93 were accidents with less than \$1,000.00 damage. The number of injury accidents were reduced from 35 last year, to 24 this year, and we were successful again in having a fatality free year.

The general patrol section continues to consist of 18 uniform positions, in addition to three part-time officers. These members patrol the city 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Visibility is a priority for our department, and members are assigned zones at the beginning of each shift, along with traffic duties, foot patrols, school talks, and any other assignments as meted out by the shift commander of that particular day. Our police service continues to use the P.R.O.S. (Police Reporting & Occurrence System) as our reporting and filing system. Our files are stored in the main information storage system in Ottawa, and all P.R.O.S. users have access to all files. Information is updated by the last entries, and police forces across the country are able to ask for, and receive, assistance from others electronically. P.E.I. was the first province to have all its police officers using one filing system, on the same data bank.

The Major Crime Unit (M.C.U.) consists of four members, three of whom investigate the more time consuming, and complicated crimes. The other member is assigned to the Prince District Joint Forces Drug Section, which is a cooperative effort between the Summerside Police Services and the Prince District RCMP, and has a total compliment of three members. The Drug Section's main focus is "street level" drug dealers in the Prince County area, but often works in conjunction with the 'L' Division Drug Section, whose responsibility is high level targets in Prince Edward Island.

In May of 2006, as a result of the cooperative efforts between the Prince District Joint Forces Drug Section, and the 'L' Division Drug Section, some high level Cocaine dealers, were dismantled and taken down in the Charlottetown area. These dealers had ties to two powerful outlaw motorcycle gangs on the island. Although based in Charlottetown, these individuals' drug dealing, extended to all parts of Prince Edward Island. The JFO Section is also very active in assisting the Federal Enforcement Section of the RCMP, in conducting searches, and seizing contraband tobacco.

In 2006, the Drug Section conducted 30 searches of residences and vehicles, in the Prince County area, resulting in the seizure of cocaine, ecstasy, various prescription medications, marihuana, cannabis resin (solid and liquid), contraband tobacco, illegal firearms and cash money. (related to the sale of illicit drugs) In 2006, the Drug Section seized drugs with a street value of over \$150,000. The Drug Section is also active in attending local schools, to provide drug awareness and educational talks to students, as well as groups of parents and teachers.

The Major Crime Unit continues to provide Forensic Identification Services, with the use of fingerprint enhancing chemicals. The Unit also uses a computer system and software, for the enhancement of fingerprints, and the preparation of fingerprint and footwear charts. This police service continues to see a rise in the use of DNA evidence, which has become an extremely

valuable tool in investigating and solving crime. In keeping abreast with this advancing technology, our police service utilizes modern equipment, in the preservation of DNA evidence recovered from crime scenes.

In 2006, the Major Crime Unit was once again plagued with Break & Enters into homes. Of these reported crimes, investigators saw what appeared to be a pattern of what police refer to as 'Walk Ins' into homes. After utilizing many hours of investigative techniques, including surveillance, questioning field sources and forensic technology, police were able to compile enough evidence to make arrests. Several groups were responsible for these crimes, but investigators are confident that the culprits guilty of the majority of these reported break-ins have been identified, and brought to justice, bringing this crime of choice under control. In a majority of the Break-Ins, the culprits were only looking more money, which led police to believe that the stolen money was being used to support drug habits.

The Traffic By-Law Officer and patrol members issued 764 municipal by-law tickets and 577 warning citations during the year. Under numerous Memoranda of Understanding with local malls, our police services continues to enforce disabled parking and fire lane areas, and impresses upon the public to adhere to the parking regulations. The police services continues to utilize the Animal Control Officer, to enforce our Animal By-Law. This officer provides several hours of dog patrols in the city each week, and captures, and impounds dogs at large.

Dave Ellis of the Youth Intervention Outreach Program is employed by the Provincial Government through Community and Correctional Services, Office of the Attorney General. The City of Summerside has provided office space for Mr. Ellis in the Police Services building, since the programs inception in February 2002. The program is designed to decrease the number of youth aged 12 - 18 years, from entering the formal justice system. Referrals to the program are made exclusively by police officers, who have identified youth at risk of becoming involved with the justice system. Some intervention programs, which continued to be offered in 2006, were "Kids 'N Kops" guitar program, "Stop Lifting" Program, Eclipse Program (Self-Esteem Judo), anger management, music sound production, "Girls World" bully program, fishing trips, job searching, introduction to community organizations, and one-on-one counselling. Dave also makes referrals to other agencies such as Mental Health, Addiction Services and Family and Parenting programs

This Police Service continues to emphasise the importance of ongoing training. During 2006, four members were sent to the Canadian Police College in Ottawa for specialized training, one member attended the Atlantic Police Academy, and a variety of our employees attended over 35 seminars, workshops, lectures, and short courses.

Our 9-1-1 Dispatch Centre continued to employ four full-time and one part-time Call-Taker during 2006. They receive thousands of calls from the public for emergencies, and other services. All calls are logged, and scored for review at any time. They also monitor over a hundred alarm systems, monitor our police officers on patrol, and conduct numerous computer data base queries for members on patrol.

Last, but certainly not least, our police service also has a Court Liaison Officer, an Administration Assistant, and a Data Input person, who are all an integral part of our police service team.

I wish to take this opportunity to express sincere thanks to the Police Services management and staff, for their commitment and dedication throughout the past year.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Cory Thomas
Chair of the Police Services Committee

Annual Report
Department of Recreation & P.R.
Councillor Barry Chappell
December 31, 2006

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2006 for the Recreation Committee, mandated to not only carry out, but also assist in coordinating all activities within the City of Summerside relating to recreation, parks, green spaces, West End Beach, summer program, special events, the opening of Phase 1 of the Wellness Centre Project. along with the public relations aspect of the City. In order to accomplish this mandate, the Department relies on full-time and part-time staff along with employees available through government agencies and initiatives and, of course, the volunteer efforts of the citizens in our community. This past year the Department was able to obtain the services of 17 staff for a total of 271 work weeks which amounted to \$86,847.59 in wages at a cost to the City of \$12,894.

In 2006, the Department led or was involved in 413 events or activities of which 118 were recreation related, 263 leisure or culture and 32 were business related. In 2006, our community hosted the; Chamber of Commerce Trade Show; Annual Lobster Carnival Festival; College of Piping Highland Games; Atlantic Senior Golf Championship; Greco Midget Boys National Baseball Championship; 11th Annual Bluegrass Jubilee; Story Telling Festival; visits from various Tall Ships, visit from the HMCS Summerside as well as a Longboat visit, Snowbirds aerial performance in September, and various other provincial sporting events which included The Garden of the Gulf Provincial Swim Championships; the Summerside Masters Open Invitational Swim Championship, hockey events figure skating, baseball/softball tournaments and events, participation in the North Cape Coastal Ride, the first ever International Coastal Walk About etc. and themed activities at Green's Shore.

The Department hosted and organized various activities for its citizens including: Wendy's Volunteer of the Year Award presented to Susan & Mario Zambonin; Mayor's Good Neighbor Award presented to Mr. Allan Parks; Canada Day - with presentations to Steve Manuel - Citizen of the Year and Ryan Keefe - Youth of the Year and the C. Ross MacKenzie Award presented to Mi'kmaq Confederacy in recognition of an outstanding contribution to Canadian spirit. Other activities included Nature Fest, New Year's Eve Community Celebrations, New Year's Day Levee, and the fourth annual Mayor's Medal of Honor Award - presented to the late Charles E. Linkletter. The department also organized the City's participation in 11 Island parades including: the Lobster Carnival Parade, Summerside Santa Claus Parade, as well as the Souris and Charlottetown Christmas Parades.

The Summer Program for children this past year was well attended with 210 children participating. The program provided outdoor sports and recreation activities at Rotary Park, Green's Shore, Wilmot Community Centre and other community play parks. In 2006, the program expanded to include activities for children living in Slemon Park and seniors programming which the department will continue to grow in 2007. Recreation and Public Relations continued to partner with various other groups in the City and the province to enhance and enable the growth of a wide variety of sport and leisure programs.

Green's Shore Park is another venue for citizens and visitors to utilize. In partnership with Tourism PEI, who contributed \$20,000, the department held activities all summer long featuring the Luminosity Festival, which encompassed fire on the water displays, lantern making, music ceremonies, and signage displays along the boardwalk.

The Centennial Pool closed its doors the first of April 2006 and the City opened Phase 1 of the Wellness Centre project on April 10th, 2006. The completion of this phase of the project provided the community with two new pools, fitness centre and Convention Centre. One new program offered in the aquatic facility was hydriding - underwater biking. The City approved

the purchase of two bikes and programming began. We are the only community east of Montreal to offer hydroriding and it is hoped that with the purchase of more bikes in 2007, the program will only grow in attendance and popularity. This past summer, the department organized and operated, for the first time, two - one week long Red Cross boating and swim lessons at the pool - 193 children participated. Total attendance in pool usage increased by 32% in 2006 bringing the total to approx. 67,044 users. This number will increase again in 2007 as we strive to provide the best facility for all fitness and health needs.

The Department once again partnered with Service Canada (HRDC) and the Youth Development Centre for the fourth straight year in the Youth In Bloom program which allowed 8 youth and two supervisors within the community to be hired and learn skills such as carpentry, horticulture, tree maintenance, pruning, planting, flower bed planning and various interpersonal and administrative skills. This was an approximately \$120,000 project from the Federal Government and it provided youth with opportunities to grow as individuals and obtain employment or go on to further studies. Through this project the City was able to assist with the second Habitat for Humanity home along with partnering with Community Connections and completing a landscaping project for community housing. The Youth In Bloom staff also assisted with work at Rotary Park, Memorial Park revitalization and the future site of the Heritage Park. The City of Summerside, through this Department, continues to participate in the Communities In Bloom National Project and received 5 Blooms with an honorable mention in Residential Properties Heritage Conservation.

Horticultural staff were quite active in tree removal, safety pruning, planting, and tested 36 trees for DED. Six (6) tested positive of which four(4) were City owned trees. Twenty-one diseased trees were removed and the Department transplanted 61 trees from Rotary Park Nursery; nine trees in City green spaces. Caliper sized trees - 650 - were planted in Heritage Park, Rotary Park, West End Beach, Harbour Drive and various streets and areas in the City. A Service Canada Tree Planting and Maintenance Training Program provided six month worth of tree related work experience for one participant. Other duties performed by horticultural staff included construction of park signs, benches and rest stops; maintenance of Green's Shore and removal of seaweed from West End Beach, grooming of Rotary Park trails in the winter; maintenance and repair of pond at Memorial Square; maintenance of fire pots at Green's Shore; installation and maintenance of 75 hanging baskets; and installation and maintenance of flower and plant beds throughout the City.

The Public Relations component of the department has the mandate of improving communications between the municipal government and citizens. This is done by numerous ways such as updating information to the city website, coordinating media relations, planning news conferences and issuing news releases and public service announcements, developing advertising and promotional material and by partnering and liaising with government departments, private sector partners and non government organizations.

Phase 2 of the Wellness Centre Project is scheduled to open in early spring of 2007 with the completion of two new ice surfaces, bowling lanes and indoor walking track. This will set the stage for an entire new era for the promotion and hosting of events, both recreational and leisure, that will put Summerside and the Wellness Centre on the forefront as a prime site for any and all large recreational, business, leisure and commercial events and activities. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Recreation & Public Relations staff for another year of hard work and dedication to their jobs

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Barry Chappell

Chair of the Recreation & Public Relations Committee

*Annual Report
Department of Technical Services
Councillor Ron Dowling
December 31, 2006*

It is with pleasure that I present this report to the citizens of Summerside on behalf of the Technical Services Committee for 2006. It was a very busy year for the Department with building permits issued totalling \$43.8 million. The Department is responsible for the following: administering the Official Plan, zoning, subdivision and building bylaws; providing engineering for the City's water, sewer, electric, street and drainage systems including all capital works; and looking after the City's information technology needs.

The City Heritage Plan and Bylaw provides policies and regulations designed to recognize, protect and promote Summerside's rich heritage resources. The bylaw also provides a property tax incentive program for heritage property owners. Faye Pound, Paul H. Schurman and George Dalton are citizen representatives on the Heritage Planning Board.

The Official Plan was updated and approved by Planning Committee. The update contains changes to a number of Council Policies. The Plan was subsequently approved by the Minister in July 2006 and Council was commended by the Minister for ensuring a comprehensive process was followed. In addition, the draft revised Zoning Bylaw and the secondary plan for recreation and green space was tabled at Planning Committee and will be finalized in 2007. We also expect to present a revised Sub-Division Bylaw to Planning Committee in 2007. Numerous other improvements have been made to our bylaws to meet changing circumstances and needs.

A number of requests for major subdivisions were approved by Council, including 20 single-family residential building lots in Linwood Farms at Greenwood Drive; 7 residential lots at Jennifer Street and Phase 1 of Bishops Landing for 21 part-lot individual rowhouses. Other subdivision approvals were granted for minor subdivisions, lot consolidations, and appendages. A number of residential and commercial site plans were reviewed for conformance with parking and building setbacks to property lines. Staff provided assistance and advice to the public and development community concerning property complaints, zoning bylaw interpretations and other zoning issues. Several requests were processed by Council under the City's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw including official plan and zoning amendments, variance requests, discretionary use requests, and conditional use permits. Staff attended and participated in a number of Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission [IRAC] hearings on land use appeals.

Development in the city for 2006 has resulted in 223 building permits issued with an estimated construction value of \$43.8 million. Construction for 2006 has seen 43 new residential housing units, 3 new commercial starts, 14 additions/ alterations to existing commercial buildings and 48 additions/ alterations to residential buildings. The Institute for research in Construction in Canada has developed the new National Building Code of Canada 2005, National Fire Code of Canada, and the National Plumbing Code of Canada replacing the last edition of 1995. The adoption of the new codes will as expected create challenges to the Department until contractors become aware and familiar with the new changes to the applicable codes. It is recommended that the new codes not be adopted and enforced until April 2007 to give all involved ample time for review and understanding. The Building Officer/Fire Inspector has completed approximately 492 inspections this year relating to both fire and building related inspections.

Work for the City's Electric Utility included the development of tenders for purchasing equipment, technical analysis of equipment failures, services construction design, maintenance management, and reviewing the loading and configuration of the high voltage distribution system. Staff designed and coordinated the construction of several capital enhancements to the

City's electrical infrastructure. The City of Summerside has made it a priority to invest in the development of a wind turbine farm. To this effort the City of Summerside has finished an environmental site assessment of the placement of the wind turbines on the old St. Eleanors Landfill site. Initial wind data has been collected and the site is promising for the production of renewable energy. This year's developments kept staff busy designing the required electrical services as well as reviewing the development site plans for future services. Some of the larger projects included the new Summerside medical centre, the Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade and a new circuit to Seaweed Road, a 63 unit subdivision at Murphy Street and Hospice Care on Duke Street. The City's Electric Utility has continued inventorying all of its poles in the City and the database of information will be used for tracking assets and attachments to City owned poles, this project is 1/2 complete.

In the information technology sector, the City was busy getting ready and purchasing equipment to support the S.W.C. The fibre network was extended to include the new Wellness Centre and new network switches were installed to make the system more secure and faster. Webcams at the Summerside Wellness Centre, STP and on City Hall continue broadcasting video out to the world wide web.

Water and Sewer Capital Projects carried out in 2006 included the replacement of water mains on Harvard Street and St. Lawrence St and the replacement of a section of the sewer forcemain from the Granville Street Lift Station. The old Standpipe was inspected and re-coated inside and out. Construction of the Summerside Water Pollution Control Center upgrade started in May with completion expected by September 2007.

Approximately 4.1 km of streets were resurfaced. The City also constructed approximately 2.1 km of new and replacement of (existing) deteriorated sidewalks. Ditch infilling was performed on MacEachern Street., under the Local Improvement Bylaw. Tenders were prepared for patching and culvert supply and installation. Other work included reviewing subdivision construction, subdivision street and drainage plans, preparing budgets and providing technical assistance as required.

Staff continue to utilize the Land Development Office software for all its Planning and Development applications. Staff continued to add more data to the GIS and will require a verification process. The utility pole locations were also added to the GIS and a pole database is continuing to be carried out. The water and sewer systems schematics were updated and will require a verification process. Electrical circuits are being used by staff in their daily operations. The 9-1-1 civic address data is downloaded from the Internet on a bi-weekly basis and the data is also used to support our GIS.

There was a staffing change in 2006. Greg Gaudet (Electrical Engineer) left our department to become the Director of Municipal services.

In closing, I would like to thank Greg for his work with this department and wish him well at Municipal services and also would like to express my thanks to the Technical Services staff for the excellent cooperation and assistance they have provided over the past year and I look forward to working with them in 2007.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Ron Dowling
Chair of the Technical Services Committee

*Annual Report
of
Terry Murphy, C.A.O.
December 31, 2006*

To the Honourable Mayor, the City Council, and the residents and taxpayers of Summerside:

On behalf approximately 175 full and part time employees of the City of Summerside I am proud to present the City of Summerside's 2006 Annual Report to the citizens of Summerside. Throughout this report, you will read about the City's many successes and accomplishments over the past year.

As City staff, we are given an exciting opportunity to work with Council and our community to achieve positive change. We take great pride in being both committed citizens and dedicated professionals: who we are, is at the heart of what we do - and a vibrant, prosperous Summerside is close to all our hearts.

2006 saw the end of another councils three year term. Moving into 2007 we welcome the infusion of new ideas and enthusiasm with the return of the mayor and five councillors, one councillor from a previous council and two new ones. Our task is to provide sound advice and professional skill in implementing Council's policies, while continuing to strive for the highest standards in the provision of the services on which Summersider's rely. We are keenly conscious that we are stewards of hard-earned community resources. We have worked hard to help Council achieve its fiscal goals, and we are proud of what both have accomplished. Looking ahead, we know that strategic investments are needed to ensure that Summerside is the kind of city all of us want it to be. Over the past year, we have continued to invest in the people and programs that will help us to remain leaders in providing excellent service to the public. Summerside's workforce has undergone a number of changes in all departments, although the level of our work force has remained relatively constant since 1995. We have had a number of retirements and new hires to replace those who have left. These employees are our service providers; the ones who help keep the city clean, safe, and beautiful. We have to ensure the community of quality service, and so we are investing in our workforce. We are supporting our employees with better computer technology; the Route2 project, completed in 2006, offers employees new, more powerful tools to do their work. Our Safety, Health, and Organizational Wellness initiatives are designed to reduce workplace injury and illness, as well as promote healthy lifestyles. Summerside will be served well by a healthier, better trained and equipped workforce and as well a workforce that is clearly committed to things that matter to Summersiders.

In 2006 we began converting our workplace to a competency-based model. We will explicitly identify the skills, knowledge and attributes that we need in every position and across the organization, to provide excellent service to the public. This initiative will help us to recruit, train and manage our performance more effectively. Every civic employee will know that we are committed to innovation, customer service, results and accountability. Investing in our people is an investment in our service capacity, which we have made on behalf of citizens. In 2006, while continuing to achieve significant efficiencies, we also continued to invest in programs that matter to Summersiders, which you can read about in the pages of this report.

The City has invested in its infrastructure through improvements in its physical assets. One of these is in the refurbishment to the Pollution Control Center. This plant upgrade, to be completed the summer of 2007, will provide the following: The UV system will replace the chlorination system presently being used thus removing the risk of putting unwanted chloramines into the harbor; A class "A" bio-solid system that will turn the solids that are removed into a usable fertilizer that will meet the provincial regulation to allow the city to sell the product when finished; The treatment facility features a BNR (Biological

Nutrient Removal) that will allow the removal of Nitrogen, Ammonia and Phosphorus. BNR is being carried out by the introduction of air to the bio-reactor system. This is not a step that is required by regulation but a move that has given the City the opportunity to improve the condition of the Bedeque Bay. This system is the first tertiary treatment system in this province. We will exceed projected limits of 25 PPM in present environmental regulations and the BNR objective limits of 10 PPM for suspended solids and BOD removal. Removal of Suspended solids and BOD up to 90% plus should be reached when the facility is in full operation.

Phase Two of the wellness center will be completed early in March and this will provide the City with some of the best recreational facilities for a community of our size in Eastern Canada. This will not only be an attractive complex for our citizens but it will also be a very important generator in the economic development strategy of our community. We continue to move forward with the development of our wind farm which will see the City own approximately 10 megs of power which will provide approximately 25% of our needs. The environmental impact assessment has been completed and filed with the federal government and we expect to receive a positive response by the end of March 2007. In 2006 we entered into a twenty year contract with a private sector developer in West Cape for the purchase of 9 megs of wind energy with minimal increases over the life of the contract. The City and Maritime Electric entered into a new energy supply contract with NB Power that will end in March 2008. Energy supply is and will be in short supply over the next five years until the Point Lepreau rebuild is complete. Development opportunities continue to come forth from the private sector. We would hope that the 2007 construction will build on the work that was completed over the past few years and we will see a significant jump in the number of major construction projects within the downtown core.

We must remain cognizant of the issues that are affecting our future growth. A couple of these issues are the equalization funding from the provincial government and secondly the lack of growth of our population compared to other parts of the province. At the present time the provincial government is under funding the equalization fund within the province by over \$3.3 million per year. Of this amount the city of Summerside is being under funded by over \$2.2 million. This represents a loss of 16.6 % of our general fund budget. This is unfair and has to be corrected. The second area of concern is the lack of growth of population within Prince County compared to Queens County. The City of Summerside is the service center of the county and this lack of growth directly impacts the well being of our local economy.

Prior to the introduction of the Development Plan, begun in 1969 the population of Prince County was slightly greater than that of Queens County, 44,538 and 43,385 respectively. Between 1971 and 2001 the growth in Prince County has gone up 3,235 whilst the population of Queens has gone up by 20,178. It is now time to do a new Comprehensive Development Plan for Prince County. At the same time in a recent study completed on post secondary education by the City it was discovered that in the eastern half of PEI of the children who graduate from high school and go to post secondary 70% go to university on PEI and upon graduation 70% remain on PEI whereas in the western half of PEI of the children who graduate from high school and go to post secondary 70% go to university of PEI and upon graduation 70% leave PEI. This is of great concern and we have to start addressing this issue in 2007.

In conclusion I must point out that in every area for which we are responsible, we are working to manage prudently, invest wisely and advance Council's agenda for a better future for Summerside. With the help of many partners in the community, I am sure we will succeed!

Respectfully Submitted



Terry Murphy
Chief Administrative Officer

Highlights

“The Mayor’s Medal of Honor”

*Presented Posthumously by
The City of Summerside
to
Charles Linkletter*



Marilyn Linkletter & Mayor Basil Stewart

“Wendy’s Volunteer of the Year”

*Presented by
The City of Summerside
to
Mario & Susan Zambonin*



Mario & Susan Zambonin, Mayor Basil Stewart, Councillor Norma McColeman,

*“Summerside Consolidated Credit Union”
“Youth of the Year”*

*Presented by
The City of Summerside
to
Ryan Keefe*



Ryan Keefe & Sue Rogers

“The Mayor’s Good Neighbour Award”

*Presented by
The City of Summerside
in Memory of
Her Worship the late Francis O. Perry
to
Allan Parks*



Mayor Basil Stewart, Kitty Wiley, Emma McIntosh, Allan Parks

“Junior Mayor & Council”



*Junior Mayor
Carley Furlong*

*Deputy Mayor - Financial Services Chair
Economic Development Chair
Human Resources Chair
Technical Services Chair
Police Services Chair
Recreation & Public Relations Chair
Municipal Services Chair
Fire Services Chair*

*Jordan Curtis
Louis Busca
Courtney Fitzgerald
Ryan Waugh
Lacey Fischer
Ben Johnston
Ryan Chaisson
Emily Irving*

*“The George Key Senior Memorial Trophy”
“Citizen of the Year”*

*Presented by
The City of Summerside
to
Steve Manuel*



Steve Manuel & Derek Key

Official Opening

Aquatics Facility,
Fitness Centre and Convention Centre
May 5, 2006



Honourable Elmer MacFadyen, Mayor Basil Stewart, Honourable Peter MacKay



Retirements

City of Summerside
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Retirements

1995	Kenneth MacEwen	2006	Deric Affleck Ian Drummond
1996	Thomas LeBlanc Thomas Martin		Don Forbes Anna Marie MacDonald Betty McDonald
1997	Ellsworth Campbell Claude Gaudet Gordon Grady Geraldine Grant Nelson Johnston Roy Laughlin George White		Milton Montgomery Blair Phillips
1998	Anna Mae Barlow Art Sonier		
1999	--		
2000	George Arsenault Donald MacKay Carlyle Newson		
2001	--		
2002	Gerard Arsenault Anne Coates		
2003	Wilfred Gallant		
2004	Alain Cunningham Donald Gunning Jerry Simpson		
2005	Wendell Grady Donald Ferrish Arnold Lamarsh Allan Savidant		

Financial Statements

