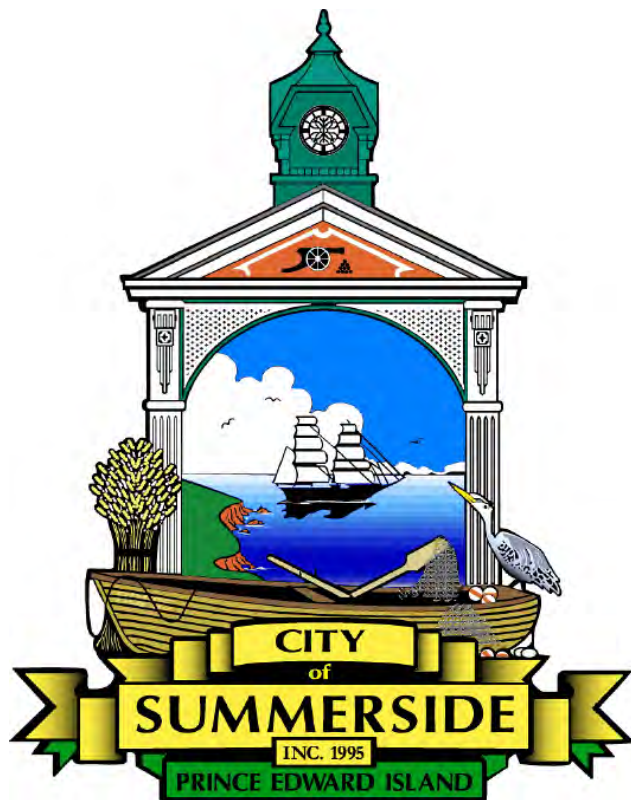


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Annual Report
2008



The 14th Annual Report
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In Memory Of



Scott MacAulay
Executive Director
College of Piping & Performing Arts
and Friend of the Community
Who Passed Away
September 10, 2008



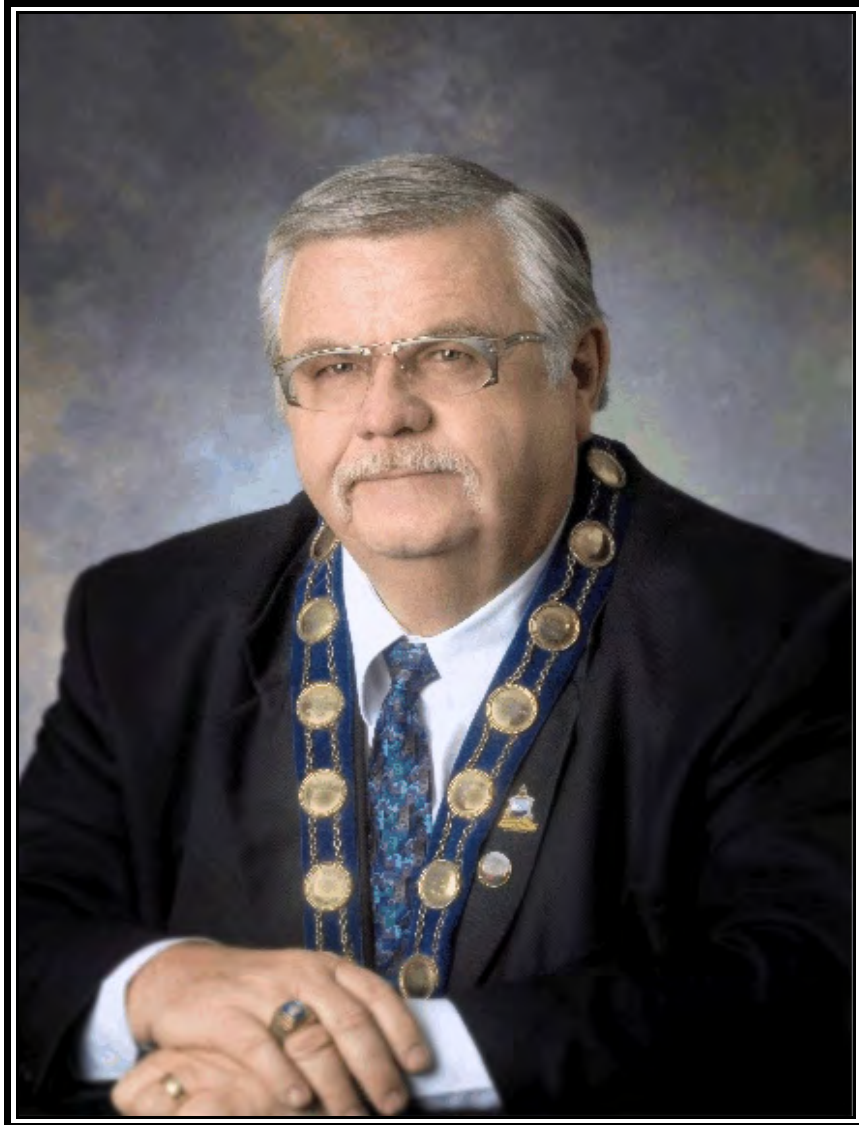
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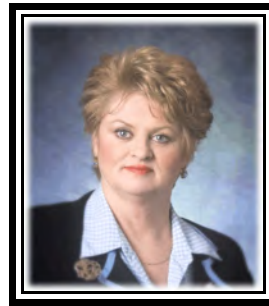


Council

City of Summerside Council



Mayor Basil L. Stewart



Councillors

Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall - Financial Services,
Councillor Brent Gallant - Economic Development, Councillor Barry Chappell - Community Services,
Councillor Ron Dowling - Technical Services,
Councillor Norma McColeman - HR and Legal Affairs,
Councillor Garth Lyle - Municipal Services , Councillor Cory Thomas- Police Services,
Councillor Vance Bridges - Fire Services

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Small City - Big History

Small City - Big Opportunity

Small City - Big Ambition

Small City - Big Possibilities

Small City - Big Business

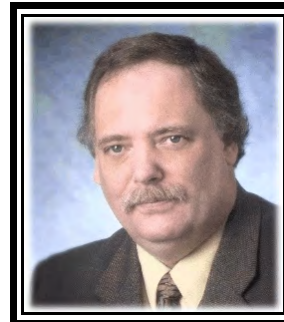
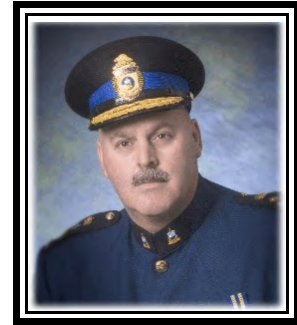
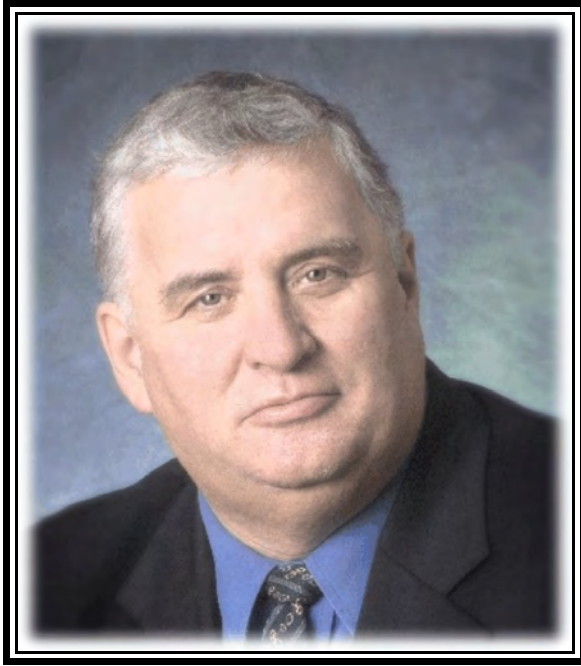
Small City - Big Experience

Small City - Big Ideas

Small City - Big Appeal

Small City - Big Attractions

C.A.O.
&
Directors



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

Makeup

City of Summerside

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Mayor: Basil L. Stewart

Deputy Mayor: Bruce MacDougall

Councillors: Barry Chappell
Cory Thomas
Brent Gallant
Vance Bridges
Garth Lyle
Norma McColeman
Ron Dowling

C.A.O.: Terry Murphy

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

Solicitor: Cox & Palmer

Auditor: Grant Thornton

Population: 14,500

Area: 28.5 sq. km.

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Administration

Karen Evans Brian Hawrylak

Economic Development

Joanne Corkum Fred Horne Lori Ellis Nancy Quinn

Fire Services

Lawrence LaPierre

Financial Services

Debbie Cameron Marilyn Dawson Kristen Dunsford Cathy Gaudet
 Angie Blanchard Dianne MacLaren Jeannie Short Leah Ann Moyer
 Roger Ahern

Human Resources

Susan Jeffery Michelle MacLeod

Municipal Services

Chris Arsenault Darrell Arsenault Hal Birch Larry Blacquiere
 Reg Blanchard Ernest Burke Chris Cole Nick Graham
 Ron Curtis Wilfred DesRoches Gary McInnis Fred Gallant
 Paul Gallant Joe Pendergast Kevin Gaudet Trevor Harris
 David Holt Harry Hutchinson Robert Irving Gary Kelly
 Paul Kelly Allan MacDougall Paul MacAusland Jeff MacDonald
 Owen MacDonald Brian Conrad Everett Moase Frank Murphy
 Doris Palmer Paul Cormier 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 Charlene Perry Ronald MacLean
 Shawn McCarthy Troy McGee Brett Murphy David Murphy
 Milo Murray Susan Naud Joe Peters Wade Ryder
 Maurice Rio Mike Rioux Lindsay Rogers Trevor Martin
 Dennis Sherren Sinclair Walker Tanya Yeo-Campbell

Community Services

J Hammer Trent Williams Paul Gallant Clarence Wedge
 Steven Leard Adam Blacquiere Dale Martin Barb McNeil
 Katy Baker William Noye Reg Richard JP Desrosiers
 Lori Wedge Tanya Mugridge Robert McFeely Sheila Laughlin

Technical Services

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

SCN

Jason Muttart Brody Cahill Shane St. Pierre

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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	Raymond McCourt
Kenny Culleton	Brian Morrison
Reginald DesRoches	Rick Morrison
Steven DesRoches	Tony Perry
Brian Edwards	Bernie Peters
Ron Enman	Tom Peters
Brent Gallant	Blair Phillips
Douglas Gallant	Lyndon Pineau
Gary Gallant	Robert Rankin
Tyler DesRoches	Danny Richard
Tony Gallant	Adam Rogers
Mike Glover	Chris Ross
John Hastings	Wilfred Smith
Steve Gunning	Leo Stewart
Robert Irving	Ernie Steele
Darren Kelly	Jamie Thompson
Paul Kelly	Barry Whalen
Pat Kelly	William Leuty
Clay Moase	

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City Hall

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Annual Report

of

Mayor Basil L. Stewart

December 31, 2008

As I look through my 2008 calendar with all of the meetings, appointments, special functions, receptions, birthdays, and anniversaries, I must say it has been similar to my previous 23 years as Mayor, another busy, interesting and challenging year. I will highlight some of the special events that took place during the year.

The year started with a very successful New Year's Day Levee at Credit Union Place with a large crowd in attendance, including area MLA's and Egmont MP Joe McGuire. On January 9th, I attended the official opening of the new Welding Shop at Three Oaks High School. On January 19th I was joined by the Hon. Peter MacKay, Hon. Premier Robert Ghiz, City Council and many citizens and guests, for the Official Opening of the Summerside Wellness Centre. January 22nd saw the Official Swearing-In of the new Director for the Atlantic Police Academy, Edgar MacLeod; and the following day, I attended the Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Swearing-In of Mr. Garth Doiron as its new President. On February 6th I attended the Swearing-In of the Junior Mayor and Council, a ceremony which has been ongoing for many years for grade 9 students at Summerside Intermediate School. On February 29th, we saw the renaming of the Wellness Center to Credit Union Place. A huge thank you goes out to our Credit Union Management and Staff.

Finance Chair and Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall brought down the 2008 Budget at the Annual Meeting for the City of Summerside, on March 25th at City Hall. On April 1st, at the City's 13th birthday celebration, Joyce Phillips was presented the Mayor's Good Neighbour Award, in memory of Her Worship, the Late Frances O. Perry, at a special ceremony at City Hall. On April 11th and 12th I attended the Atlantic Mayor's meetings in Halifax. Another successful Chamber of Commerce Trade Show was held on the weekend of April 19th. On April 28th Summerside hosted the Annual Meeting for the FPEIM (Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities).

May 17th was a very exciting day in the city as Adam Bourque of Summerside won a nationwide contest called "Bring Home the Stanley Cup", which saw National Hockey League Hall of Fame member and Stanley Cup winner, Mark Messier, bring the Stanley Cup to Summerside and Credit Union Place for the very first time. Thank you Adam! On June 1st, while attending the Annual FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) in Quebec City, I was elected FCM's 1st Vice-president. This was a very special day for me, having been involved for many years with FCM, and I was honored to have been given the support of my fellow Mayors and Councillors from across Canada. On June 27th I attended a welcome reception for the Mayor of Stirling, Scotland, Fergus Wood, who came to Summerside as Chieftain of the Highland Games for the College of Piping.

At the Canada Day ceremony held at Spinnakers' Landing, George Dalton was presented the Citizen of the Year Award; the Youth of the Year Award was presented to Jocelyn Fraser; and the C. Ross MacKenzie Award was presented to Spinnakers' Landing. The Lobster Carnival Celebrity Dinner was held on July 6th at the Veterans Convention Center, with Baseball Hall of Fame member, Ferguson Jenkins, as guest speaker. The prestigious Governor's Plate was held on Saturday, July 12th, at the historic Summerside Raceway with Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman in attendance. On August 12th, world renowned entertainer, Kenny Rogers, performed a very successful concert at Credit Union Place. There were many sporting events held here in 2008 including the Eastern Canadian Pee Wee Tournament at Queen Elizabeth Park and the Sally Basler Senior Open Golf Tournament that attracted golfers from other parts of Canada and United States. On August 19th, Mayor, Council, CAO, and Directors held their Annual Caucus Meeting.

In September, we were saddened by the passing of Scott MacAulay, who served as the Director of the College of Piping for

many years. He will be missed by all those who knew and worked with him. The 2008 Annual Report of the City of Summerside is dedicated in his honour. On September 25th the NHL New York Islanders were in town for a Blue & White game, and on the 27th they played an exhibition game against the Florida Panthers, which was the first ever NHL game on PEI. Summerside was pleased to host the Canadian Student Leadership Conference with approximately 1,000 students and teachers from across Canada attending. Thanks to Three Oaks Senior High School, Nicole Haire, Randy Gallant, and the many volunteers for a very successful conference. On October 12th, Prime Minister Stephen Harper visited Credit Union Place. With the Federal Election held on October 14th, we congratulated Hon. Gail Shea on her election victory and appointment to the Federal Cabinet as Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. We also want to say thank you to Hon. Joe McGuire and wish him well in his retirement. On October 15th the Mayor's Medal of Honour was presented to Dr. Hubert McNeill. On October 22nd the CEO of the FCM, Mr. Brock Carlton, visited Summerside. On October 28th meetings began with ACOA and Atlantic Lottery regarding a new Grandstand and Barns for the Summerside Raceway and it appears new grandstands and barns will be constructed at the Summerside Raceway. This will give the horse racing industry a badly needed boost in Summerside and Prince County. A number of meetings and discussions were held regarding wind mills in Summerside to help control the cost of electrical rates.

On November 5th Jean Perrault, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Mayor of Sherbrooke, Quebec, visited the City of Summerside. On November 11th, I attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Memorial Square and the Royal Canadian Legion, while Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall represented the City at the St. Eleanor's Cenotaph. That same day, I attended an AHL game at Credit Union Place. In November, Director Bill Schurman resigned and went back to work for the Irving Corporation in Moncton. We thank Bill for his hard work as Director. On November 29th I, along with Council members attended the semi-annual meeting of the Federation of PEI Municipalities in Stratford, which was hosted by Mayor Kevin Jenkins and Council.

Many meetings were held during the year as we prepare for the 2009 Canada Summer Games. The City of Summerside is a proud sponsor and very honoured to be the Host City for the Opening Ceremonies and the first week of the Games. The City of Summerside was honoured to host the Atlantic Premiers Meeting on December 8th, with Premier Robert Ghiz as host. On December 17th Credit Union Place hosted the best Jr. "A" Hockey Players in Canada before a large crowd including many pro scouts in attendance. Once again, the year ended with a very large crowd in attendance at the New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31st at Credit Union Place.

At this time, I thank the Deputy Mayor and Councillors for their hard work, support, and great vision for the City of Summerside. I also want to thank CAO Terry Murphy and Directors for their hard work and dedication, and all City Staff for their great year of work. I want to thank the Federal and Provincial Governments for their support and assistance throughout the year. Also, I want to thank our Assistant, Karen Evans, for her great work and dedication to the City of Summerside. Finally, thank you to my wife, Gail, and my family for their support over the past many years (24).

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Basil L. Stewart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Basil L. Stewart
Mayor

Annual Report

Department of Community Services

Councillor Barry Chappell

December 31, 2008

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2008 for the Community Services Department, 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, and Credit Union Place. 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.

In 2008, the City of Summerside entered into a 10 year agreement with the Consolidated Credit Union regarding naming writes to the formerly known Wellness Centre - now Credit Union Place. This partnership allows any member of a Credit Union world wide a 20% discount on daily admittance to the Credit Union Place pool, skating rink and bowling lanes. A New Name, Big Party, No Charge Event was held on March 9th with over 4000 people participating in free activities.

In 2008, the Department led or was involved in over 550 events or activities. Our community hosted the; Chamber of Commerce Trade Show; Annual Lobster Carnival Festival; College of Piping Highland Games; Story Telling Festival; visits from various Tall Ships and a sail around the Island; 2008 Canadian Jr Womens Softball Championship; and more. Credit Union Place hosted various concerts and events this past year including: Monster Truck Spectacular; Estival Circus; George Thorogood and the Destroyers; Atlantic Go-Kart Championship; Blind Boys of Alabama; Kenny Rogers in Concert; PKRA International Kiteboarding Festival; the 1st ever NHL Hockey Game on PEI - New York Islanders VS Florida Panthers; NHL Blue and White Game; CSLC - Canadian Student Leadership Congress with over 1000 students; Canadian Jr A Hockey Showcase; Summerside's 1st AHL Hockey Game - Bridgeport Sound Tigers VS Binghamton Senators; the Prospects Game; various provincial sporting events- Summerside Masters Open Invitational Swim Championship, Fall Splash Maritime Swimming Invitational, hockey tournaments; figure skating events, baseball/softball tournaments, participation in the North Cape Coastal Ride, World Womens' Cycling Race - Tour de PEI; and more.

The Department hosted and organized various awards and activities for its citizens including: Mayor's Good Neighbor Award; Canada Day Celebrations - with presentations to the Citizen of the Year, the Youth of the Year and the C. Ross MacKenzie Award. Other activities included New Year's Eve Community Celebrations with over 3500 patrons enjoying free activities at the facility from 6-9 pm - one lucky winner received the Family of the Year Award - a family of four FREE access public swimming, skating and bowling for one year; New Year's Day Levee, and the annual Mayor's Medal of Honor Award.

The City of Summerside launched the Tobacco Free Rec & Sport initiative for all sporting venues in Summerside; introduced the Jumbo Screens and the 50/50 equipment to Credit Union Place and the quarterly full color brochure for events and activities taking place in and around Credit Union Place. The department also laid the first floor over ice in October of 2008 and all went well and the department looks forward to the arrival of the basketball floor for Canada Games in 2009.

Green's Shore Park continues to be a very popular venue for citizens and visitors alike. The boardwalk is available year round for walkers and runners. Special events take place during the summer includes: popcorn in the park - outdoor movies; entertainment; beach volleyball and more.

The pool and bowling lanes continue to be main attractions at Credit Union Place. League bowling, casual bowling, cosmic bowling for 5 & 10 pin are very popular activities. Highlights included: Big Brother and Big Sisters of PEI annual fundraiser; Youth

Bowling Senior Mixed Tournament; TSN Roll Off; Atlantic Canadian Council for the Blind Tournament and Lobster Carnival Bowling event. The pool remains busy with public swims; programming such as Aquafit; Aqua Arthritic classes; swim lessons; water spin classes; Dolphin Swim Club; Masters Swim Club and snorkeling lessons. This past year the Annual Garden of the Gulf Provincial Swim Championship was held at Credit Union Place with over 200 swimmers in attendance. In October of 2008, a Fall Splash Maritime Invitational Swim Meet was held at the Credit Union Place and Louis Lavoie from Moncton set a Canadian swim record in the 50 Fly and tied a Canadian Swim record in the 50 Free event. Great accolades for the pool at Credit Union Place.

The Walking Track continues to be a very active and well used facility at Credit Union Place. Walkers and runners are welcome to use the track, free of charge during regular hours of the centre, with the exception of paid events. The number of walkers and runners utilizing the track for 2008 was just over 60,000.

The Department once again partnered with Service Canada (HRDC) for the sixth straight year in the Youth In Bloom program which allowed nine youth and two supervisors within the community to be hired for a four month period and learned skills such as carpentry, horticulture, tree maintenance, pruning, planting, flower bed planning and various interpersonal and administrative skills. This was an approximate \$100,000 project from the Federal Government. The Youth In Bloom staff assisted with various projects in the City including Rotary Park, Memorial Park, new flower beds at Credit Union Place, landscaping of the Habitat for Humanity project. The City of Summerside, through this Department, continues to participate in the Communities In Bloom National Project, and in 2008, received 5 Blooms.

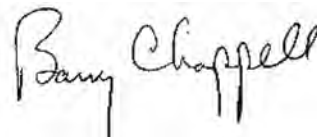
Horticultural staff were quite active in tree removal, safety pruning, and planting. In 2008, 64 mature trees were safety pruned. Fourteen hazardous trees were removed - 22 trees tested for DED; 177 trees were planted throughout the City. Two hundred and sixty six (266) - loads of seaweed were removed from West End Beach and fire pots were maintained at Green's Shore; installed and maintained 80 hanging baskets along with maintaining all city flower and plant beds; replaced 60 loads of sand at Green Shore.

The Veterans Convention Centre had over 215 bookings. Highlights include: the IWK Telethon; TAIPEI Annual General Meeting; EPYDC Trade Fair; Atlantic Arm Wrestling Championship; 2008 FPEIM Annual Meeting; 2008 Women In Business Symposium; Ultimate Wrestling Championship; the Prime Minister of Canada visit.

Credit Union Place is the place to be in Summerside and with the addition of the new race track grand stand and, artificial turf -field, outdoor beach volleyball courts and tennis courts now in construction, the centre will continue to grow with new programs and activities for all to enjoy. 2009 will be another great year as we welcome the Monster Trucks; International Snowmobile Congress; Lobster Carnival and the 2009 Canada Summer Games with the Opening Ceremonies set to take place at Credit Union Place on August 15th.

We have proven to all that we can attract and host major events in Summerside with vision and enthusiasm, and we will continue to strive to make Summerside a city/community, envied by all. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Services staff for another year of hard work and dedication to their jobs.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Barry Chappell
Chair of the Community Services

Annual Report

Department of Economic Development

Councillor Brent Gallant

December 31, 2008

The department's mission is to maintain and expand the tax and employment base in Summerside by delivering high quality products and services aimed at diversifying the local economy and enhancing the climate for new investment. On a daily basis, the Economic Development Office works with governmental leaders, private industry and interested individuals from and throughout the region and economic jurisdictions to improve the business climate in the community and enhance the quality of life for our residents, by showcasing the economic benefits of investment in Summerside, advantages that are prevalent in this great community. The department is focused on supporting Summerside's businesses, developing our workforce, delivering site selection services, supporting trade development and providing economic data to assist in business planning and growth, evolving and diversifying our community, and leading the Heritage and Culture Division as its primary mandate of our core services. The department is committed to making this happen by promoting the Summerside Region's competitive advantages and pro-business climate locally, across Canada and around the world.

Summerside's Economic Development Services are premised on the principle of turning economic opportunity (challenges) into reality and opportunity. Being Summerside's lead agency in providing a full range of economic development services, specializing in strategic market intelligence, demographical and consumer statistics, full site selection services and a broad range of marketing and networking services designed to retain and attract business, grow small business and attract and retain people to ensure that Summerside provides live, work, and play opportunities.

2008, was a year in which much success by our world class companies were achieved. Our traditional drivers of our economy including Aerospace, Health IT and Government Services and small business including retail, made significant advancements even given the economic challenges felt late in the year. As our economy continues to evolve, new engines of economic development are reshaping our landscape to better prepare for tomorrows realities. Examples include a focus on green technologies within the energy sectors (wind, cogeneration, waste conversion, etc.), our diversity in the aerospace sector and a new sector with great promise is the Health IT sector, led by developments with the Holman's International Innovation Centre, the new 98,000 square foot Medical IT building anchoring our downtown core redevelopment efforts. In 2008 we identified and focused our efforts on strong sectors for growth, such as aerospace and Health IT. We developed sector-specific materials and attended numerous trade shows with the aim of promoting Summerside as a centre of excellence for Aerospace and Health IT. We launched a local leader's ambassador program, which has already been adopted by other municipalities as a model to roll out elsewhere. We developed a series of videos that showcase the best of what Summerside has to offer, and we have already had hundred of "views" on youtube.com since the videos were posted in December 2008. We are committed to communication that positions our city in as a strong a light as possible and articulates our real and tangible benefits over our competitors.

The world economic stage has changed and many jurisdictions are facing the new global challenges and world economic downturns. Summerside is not immune from these forces, with a large majority of our export based enterprise and tourism related business that rely on the travelling public, will no doubt face significant challenges in the year(s) to come. Our goal municipally and as a broader community is to ensure we work hard with vision, persistence and energy to protect ourselves from significant down shifts in global demand as well as take advantage of market opportunities. We face formidable obstacles to economic growth, yet we remain committed to pursuing innovative, collaborative and responsive improvements to our local community in a collaborative way, through the leadership of the department, its partners and business community, as we believe that there is great promise and opportunity for this great city.

Looking forward to 2009, our goal is to accelerate our communication efforts focussing on articulating our value proposition to our targeted sectors, engage more of the business leaders of our community to assist in these endeavours through our renewed Ambassador Program as one of the cornerstones of engagement, seize on the opportunities that will present themselves through the tourism season and Canada Games opportunities as new audiences for investment opportunities and a new focus on engaging our youth in shaping the future of the community.

Just as important on the business retention and expansion side, is our Heritage Division, the drivers of the "creative class" of our community. An often overlooked sector of our economy, but one that Summerside is truly showing leadership in, evidenced by the fact other municipalities are now just starting to turn their attention to growing the creative sectors of their economy and understanding the importance of balance this sector plays in their local economies. In the years to come this sector will continue to play a larger role in the makeup of the community as we transition to a new creative and diverse culture, with a bounty of new opportunities. During the past year the Wyatt Heritage Properties embarked on some very important and far reaching endeavours that ultimately will help it better serve our community as well, as those with an interest in arts, heritage and culture on a larger global scale.

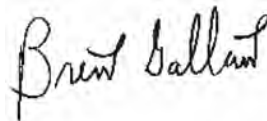
Our continued investment in the digitization and online accessibility of our archival collections allowed us to launch PEIancestry.com in 2008. The development and launch of this new subscription based product is now appealing to a growing number and broad spectrum of genealogists. Wyatt Heritage Properties collection work and research in 2008 also contributed to the publication "On the Street Where You Live: Origins & History of Summerside Street Names" and led to a PEI Museum & Heritage Foundation Award for an outstanding contribution to the preservation of Island heritage for work conducted at the Bishop Foundry historic site.

Reaching out to the schools and youth continues to be an important and rewarding strategic direction in our work and 2008 was no exception with the addition of The Discovery Zone to our Wyatt website. The Discovery Zone provides us with an opportunity to attract and serve a wider youth audience. 640 local school children to date have received membership cards, each with a unique number that allows tracking and unlimited access to an abundance of fun and educational information on our Island heritage and culture. Partnerships continue to play a pivotal role in our development and growth.

General interest and participation in our Wyatt public programming continues to grow and we are happy to report growth in this area for the 6th year consecutively, an overall increase of 27% in programs alone since 2005, our program attendance in 2008 was par with 2007, experiencing a slight increase. Demand from the community for our programs has escalated substantially throughout the past year and feedback positive. Visitors to our sites are as equally pleased with customer service as they are with the quality of the venues, programs and tours.

In conclusion, the Economic Development Department remains optimistic and enthusiastic about our economic future together. Our long term economic vision is grounded on seven key principles; community vitality, accessibility, cost of living, social capital, learning opportunities, earning potential, and our social amenities. Our programs concentrate on ensuring these community attributes are in abundance and attractive to those whom seek to invest and live in our city. We will continue to execute programs and deliver the highest quality of services and grow economic development opportunities by ensuring the critical drivers are in place to foster and to help develop new jobs and a better quality of life for everyone in the community.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Brent Gallant
Chair of the Economic Development Committee

Annual Report

Department of Financial Services
Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall

December 31, 2008

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.
- ▶ Capital grants administration.

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 the continuing evolution of Credit Union Place with the opening of Fiveelevenwest, a full service restaurant, to serve the growing number of people using this facility every day. There was also significant progress on our 2009 Canada Games facilities including a new artificial turf soccer field, three tennis courts, beach volleyball courts and general spectator viewing areas. The City's new treatment plant was commissioned during the year. 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 aging facilities at Summerside Raceway will be replaced in their entirety early in 2009.

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. However, it is not always possible to predict what Mother Nature may throw at us and 2008 saw more than its share of adverse snow conditions which will negatively impact the City's 2008 finances.

Like the rest of PEI, Summerside experienced wild escalations in its power rates throughout 2008. This was directly attributable to the higher cost of energy being supplied to the City from NB Power. The City's contract with NB Power expires in the fall of this year and it is hoped that easing worldwide energy costs will provide some much needed rate relief. The City of Summerside is also aggressively pursuing the development of its own renewable energy generating capacity so that it will be a leader in positioning itself to be substantially self sustaining in meeting the energy needs of its residents and corporate citizens.

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, particularly in light of the world wide economic challenges which are having serious impacts on the Canadian economy. This growth is the result of establishing the proper environment for business and individuals to live and work. Notwithstanding the continuing and compounding adverse impact of the Provincial freeze on residential assessments, 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 approximately \$40 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.*"

In 2008 the City carried out an additional \$600,000 of road work over and above its original budget as the Province took steps to correct growing inequities in the funding of their equalization grant formula. We said many times that it's fair and it's the right thing to do so we extend our hearty thanks to the Province for making good on their promise to take this corrective action.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce MacDougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey circular stamp.

Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall
Chair of the Financial Services Committee

Annual Report

Department of Fire Services

Councillor Vance Bridges

December 31, 2008

On behalf of the Fire Services Committee of the City of Summerside, I am pleased to submit the 2008 Annual Report. During the year 2008, fire losses totaled \$464,200 within the Summerside Fire Department coverage area as compared to \$321,307 the previous year. There were 226 responses compared to 227 in 2007. The type of responses included:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
▶ Mutual Aid	3	4	0	0	2
▶ Rescue	11	9	10	13	13
▶ Alarm Panel	107	79	76	71	99
▶ Flue Fires	3	6	3	3	7
▶ Dumpster/Rubbish	5	10	3	5	15
▶ Electrical	9	1	1	9	6
▶ Grass Fires	1	9	11	14	8
▶ Vehicle Fires	9	4	4	12	7
▶ Structural Fires	10	23	8	9	10
▶ Appliance Fires	1	7	5	16	22
▶ Accidental False Alarms	3	15	8	11	4
▶ Malicious False Alarms	0	0	2	0	0
▶ Miscellaneous	54	54	58	29	41
▶ Suspected Arson	1	2	0	1	0
▶ Carbon Monoxide	10	6	3	4	6

A breakdown of responses which occurred since 200 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Responses</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Fire Deaths</u>
2003	234	\$640,800	0
2004	240	\$1,634,100	0
2005	197	\$1,009,200	1
2006	189	\$76,000	0
2007	227	\$321,307	0
2008	226	\$464,200	0

Training

Deputy Chief Tom Peters organized training sessions throughout the year covering breathing apparatus, ladders, pump operation, vehicle extraction, preplanning, ice rescue and ventilation. Firefighters also attended courses at the PEI Fire Fighters School and received Firefighter Level 1 training in our classroom. Firefighters are required to have a minimum of 40 hours training per year and in 2008 they averaged 54.7 hours.

Personnel

In 2008 Captain Roger McKinnon retired after 35 years of faithful services to his fire department and community. We thank him for his loyal service.

Firefighter Blair Phillips died recently as a result of an accident. Blair had 23 years service with the Department and will be sadly missed by his fellow firefighters.

The Fire Department consists of 55 active firefighters and 22 auxiliary members. In 2009 there will be at least three firefighters retiring and we will be looking for new members.

Fire Prevention

In 2008 firefighter Lawrence LaPierre promoted Fire Safety to children at various Summerside schools and hosted students and groups at Station One. During Fire Prevention Week an open house was held at Station One which was well received. During the week our firefighters hosted many students for lunch at the Fire Hall - picking them up at school with fire trucks and returning them after a short fire prevention lesson and lunch.

Equipment

Engine 1 - 1991 Spartan - 1050 GPM -800 Gallons; Engine 2 - 1991 Spartan - 1050 GPM - 800 Gallons; Engine 3 - 1995 Spartan - 1050 GPM - 800 Gallons; Engine #4 2005 Pierce, 1050- GPM -2300 gallons, Ladder - 2002 Smeal - 1750 GPM - 85 feet; Auxiliary truck - 1991 Grumman Olsen and Utility Truck 1996 GMC Van and 2007 Metalfab Rescue Truck

Station 1 and 2 each have an infrared camera which provides increased safety for firefighters. The department continues to purchase new breathing apparatus on a yearly basis by putting 4500 psi - 30 minute sets in service.

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 Human Resources & Legal Affairs

Councillor Norma McColeman

December 31, 2008

On behalf of the Human Resources and Legal Affairs Committee of the City of Summerside, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2008.

It was another busy and challenging year in the Department. In addition to providing payroll services, benefits administration, 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:

- ▶ Sheila Williams Payroll Clerk
- ▶ Jim Steele Technical Journeyman
- ▶ Roy Hogan Purchasing Agent

New Full Time Employees

- ▶ Katy Baker Special Events Coordinator
- ▶ Leah Ann Moyer Accounting Clerk
- ▶ Angie Blanchard Accounting Clerk
- ▶ J. Hammer Facility Services Supervisor
- ▶ JP Desrosiers Recreation and Leisure Supervisor
- ▶ Nancy Quinn Economic Development Officer
- ▶ Shane St. Pierre Internet Installer

Internal Position Changes

- ▶ Roger Ahern Facilities Services Supervisor to Purchasing Agent

The Department continued to be busy this year with labor relations. A new Collective Agreement was signed with C.U.P.E. 1174 (Police and Fire Services).

The Department organized various wellness initiatives, training, and reward and recognition activities during the year while also leading and assisting in the organization of employee driven activities. 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.

A Wellness Fair was held in January which provided an opportunity for employees to speak to many experts and practitioners in various health related fields and the Quarter per Kilometer Challenge got underway. A Lunch and Learn put on by Simply for Life was held in February and a number of employees participated in that session. The Awards & Recognition Ceremony was held in April where employees were recognized for their long service with the former municipalities and now the City of Summerside;

The first ever Green Commute Club was established in June and City employees were encouraged to walk, bike, or carpool to work from June until September. There were close to 30% of full time employees took part in this challenge and saw tremendous health, environmental, and financial benefits from the program. The HR Department in partnership with the Staff Association organized the 3rd Annual Employee Appreciation Day at Shining Waters Family Fun Park in August. There was a great turnout, and a good time was had by all. Diane Blumeris the HR & Wellness Coordinator was hired in September.

October was a busy month: an Employee Engagement Survey was carried out, a Halloween Swim was held for employees and their families and flu shots were provided to city employees. A Lunch and Learn was held in November on Financial Planning for Retirement and December saw the introduction of the Staff VIBE Program

HR also hosted employee "drop ins" for Halloween and Christmas which were well attended.

In closing I would like to thank the staff of the Human Resources and Legal Affairs Department for their support at over 100 meetings this year and their continued dedication towards maintaining the City of Summerside as a challenging, fulfilling, and rewarding place to work and provide services to the citizens of Summerside.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norma D. McColeman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Councillor Norma McColeman
Chair of the Human Resources & Legal Affairs Committee

Annual Report

Department of Municipal Services

Councillor Garth Lyle

December 31, 2008

As Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, I am very pleased to present the 2008 Municipal Services Annual Report.

The Electric Utility's Distribution Sales are up 24.67% over 2007 with equal gains being made across all sectors, Residential, Commercial, Flat rate and Industrial Sectors. The City's electric rates are designed to match those of the other Provincial Utility. The City continued with an energy supply contract with NB Power for part of its electricity supply up to March 31, 2008 with a new supply contract with NB Power until September 30, 2009. The City's energy makeup for 2009 came from NB Power at 76.5% and the remainder from the continuing supply contract from wind energy. The City of Summerside continues into the second year of a 20 year power purchase agreement with West Cape Energy which saw 23.5% of its energy needs being supplied with renewable energy this year from the wind farm in West Cape. The City's long term goal will be to continue pursuing suppliers on the open market and building a 12MW wind farm to supplement its electricity needs. The 12MW wind farm environmental assessment has been completed and submitted for review and the project is expected to start construction in 2009. The kilowatt hours sales increased by 5.1% in 2008 mainly because consumption was up evenly across all classes, Residential, Commercial, Flat Rate, and industrial. The City of Summerside saw a dramatic increase in the number of homes choosing to heat with electricity which greatly attributed to increases in kwh consumption for the year. Revenue from total sales averaged 15.99 cents per kilowatt sold which was an increase of 16.8% over 2007 due to increasing electrical energy purchase prices and ECAM increases.

Generation at our Harvard St. generating station decreased to 49,234 kilowatts hours from 109,823 in 2007. The production was mainly due to month end test runs and one run on December 17th of 2008 due to constraints on the submarine cable tie to N.B. The generation plant had a fire occur in August 2008 due to a failure of an electrical cable which caused damage to engines #6 and #2. The damage to these engines is expected to be repaired by mid 2009. The plant generation capacity was used to provide operating reserve on the Atlantic Canada electricity grid. A total of 25.6 MW's was supplied for 2008.

Distribution lines were extended on Willow Avenue, Elm Street, South Drive, Walker Avenue, Duke Street, and for the upcoming Canada Games for a total of 2.5 circuit kilometres. In 2008, the Utility added 82 new customers which was up from 13 new customers in 2007. On January 28th of 2008, a major ice storm hit the electric utility which caused a week long effort of repair to restore services with assistance from Saint John Energy and work continued from this storm damage throughout the year.

Summerside Electric undertook a pole database survey which identified all poles within the City and its boundaries which has been mapped in the Technical Services GIS mapping software. This information is being used to update billing for pole attachments and to manage our inventory of poles, transformers, and street lights.

In the Public Works Division, one used dump truck, new fork lift forks, and a new pavement grinding machine, were added to our fleet to replace aging equipment. The City continued with the new bilingual street sign project with the purchase and installation of 50 signs with approximately 470 signs replaced to date. From the ice storm damage to trees on personal and city property/right of ways the City public works division initiated a city wide pick up of tree debris for those residents that brought out debris in a timely manner to the side of the road. This effort took three months to complete from the amount of debris from the storm. In 2008 public works cleared snow from the streets and sidewalks 48 times and salted the streets and sidewalks

72 times, cleared the downtown core of snow 8 times, and cleared out fire hydrants 4 times. The following infrastructure was repaired during the year:- 40 Driveways, 108 kilometres of roadway were patched, 48 kilometres of sidewalks repaired were necessary, and 4 catch basins. The Public Works department repaired a number of potholes on all city streets, in conjunction with readying the streets for the 2008 Tour de PEI Bike race and the Canada Games test race of the triathlon event.

The Water and Sewer Division experienced 38 water main breaks in 2008 and 6 water valves were repaired. The City Water and Sewer Division assisted a number of private contractors on system shut downs for new water main replacements and construction as well as providing sampling for testing of the mains for potable water before bringing the new mains on line. The water and sewer department performed 22 main line valve taps. The City responded to 156 sewer calls in 2008 with 4 sewer laterals repaired for customers due to sewer problems on the city side of the service laterals. The City experienced 6 sewer main breakages in 2008. The City continued to chlorinate the water system, take bi-weekly samples to ensure safe drinking water for residents and test for chlorine residuals three and four times weekly. The City will publish on its website all water test results for 2008 by the end of April of 2009.

The year 2008 was the first full year of operation for Summerside's newly expanded Water Pollution Control Centre. The sewage treatment was expanded from a Primary Treatment Plant (level 2 facility) to a Tertiary Treatment Plant (level 4 facility). This single change in operations has improved drastically the effluent of the plant into the Summerside Harbour. The treatment plant exceeded effluent quality expectations! The average total suspended solids were **4.8** mm/l. The carbonaceous biological oxygen demand averaged less than **10** mm/l for 2008, while our effluent fecal coliform count averaged **28** MPN per 100 ml for the year. By comparison, during 2007, the primary treatment plant's effluent averaged 50.5 mm/l for total suspended solids, 154.5 mm/l carbonaceous biological oxygen demand and an average fecal coliform count of 66,523 MPN per 100 ml. The second part of the expansion was a septage receiving station and a biosolids processing/handling facility (N-Viro process). The Summerside facility will be handling all of the hauled septage from the western half of Prince Edward Island once Provincial legislation is in place. The biosolids plant produced approximately 1000 MT of finished product in 2008 which was sent to a fertilizing plant for use on farm fields. Due to an unexpected increased growth rate of the bacteria in the process, the facility had to waste excess biosolids from the process; above and beyond what was processed through the biosolids facility. Approximately 2000 MT of biosolids were sent to the landfill last year. The plant's usage flow was 788,040,220 imperial gallons which was an increase of 6.4% over 2007. The City continued throughout 2008 to accept leachate from the Wellington landfill into its sewage lagoon on the North slope of the City.

The Summerside Community Network continues to grow and this year showed a 34.0 % growth in the number of customers. The number of customers using this service is now above the 1,000 mark. Growth is expected to continue into 2009. The Summerside Community Network continues to be sustainable on its own revenue stream and will continue to provide a valuable service to those citizens in the western half of PEI who are unable to access other high speed internet services.

The Municipal Services Department had a busy year with the operations of a new tertiary waste water treatment facility, new constructions and developments throughout the city, city wide events like the Tour de PEI and the Canada Games test triathlon event, expanding the Summerside Community Network with new high speed service arrays, and adverse weather conditions for 2008 than experienced in previous years for infrastructure maintenance. In recognition of this, 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, 2008

As Chairman of the Police Services Committee, I am very pleased to present my annual Police Services report, for 2008.

Summerside Police Services had another busy year in which 8077 new files were opened compared to 7584 new files in 2007. The actual Criminal Code offences decreased slightly to 2243 as compared to 2438 in 2007. Our motor vehicle accident rate has decreased slightly from last year with a total of 354 accidents reported, compared to 364 in 2007. Of these, 151 were accidents with more than \$1,000.00 damage, and 110 were accidents with less than \$1,000.00 damage. The number of injury accidents decreased slightly from 31 in 2007 to 30 in 2008, and we were successful again in having a fatality free year.

The general patrol section consists of 18 uniformed positions, in addition to five part-time officers. These members patrol the city 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Visibility is a priority for our police service, and members are assigned zones at the beginning of each shift, along with traffic duties, foot patrols, school talks, and any other assignment 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. P.E.I. was the first province to have all of 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, such as, sexual assaults, break & enters, major frauds, etc. The other 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 drug targets in Prince Edward Island.

The Major Crime Unit also continues to provide Forensic Identification Services, which consumes a great deal of their time. They examine crime scenes for fingerprints, and other physical evidence utilizing the most up-to-date technology. With recent changes to the DNA Act, there are upwards of 170 sections in the Criminal Code of Canada which now provides police the power to take DNA samples for the DNA Data Bank upon conviction. DNA has been one of the most valuable tools provided to police in this century. The Summerside Police Services have been using this tool, and its use will hopefully increase with all these recent changes.

In 2007 the community had seen a number of break and enters into homes. However, there has been a substantial drop in these crimes in 2008. There was an increase in the number of business breaks during the first part of 2008, but there was a significant decrease in these crimes in the latter part of the year. This was due to a number of individuals being apprehended and incarcerated. A majority of these break-ins have been associated to the illicit drug trade.

In 2008, the Prince District Joint Forces Drug Unit conducted 57 searches of residences and vehicles, in the Prince County / Summerside area. These searches resulted in the seizure of Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Marihuana, Hash, Hash Oil, Marihuana plants, contraband cigarettes, prescription medications, firearms, Canadian currency and stolen property. The JFO Drug Section seized drugs with a street value in excess of \$250,000 in 2008. As a result of these seizures, which is related to the

illegal drug trade, 89 charges have been laid. The drug section also attends local schools, to provide drug awareness and educational talks to students, as well as groups of parents and teachers.

This police service also has four members in the Tactical Troop in partnership with our counterparts in the municipal forces, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Troop is utilized for crowd control in cases of major disturbances where large crowds are present, and has been used in off-island incidents in the past. Our members need to keep up with the training standards, and travel to Camp Aldershot in Nova Scotia twice a year to keep their training current. In 2008 we had one member attend training with the provincial Emergency Response Team, (ERT) and we are looking at making this a long term partnership with the RCMP.

The traffic by-law officer and patrol members issued 703 municipal by-law tickets and 424 warning citations in 2008. Under numerous Memoranda of Understanding with local malls, our police service continues to enforce disabled parking and fire lane areas, and impresses upon the public to adhere to the parking regulations. This police service also continues to utilize the Animal Control Officer, to enforce our Animal Control 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 offered in 2008 were "Kids N Kops" guitar program, Eclipse program (self-esteem/judo) anger management, "Stoplifting" program, fishing trips, job searching, introduction to community organizations, victim/offender mediation and one-on-one counseling. Dave also makes referrals to other agencies such as mental health, addiction services, East Prince Youth Development Centre and family and parenting programs.

This police service continues to emphasize the importance of ongoing training. During 2008, several members were sent of the Canadian Police College in Ottawa, and Atlantic Police Academy for specialized training. All our uniformed street members were trained in 2008 in IARD training (Immediate Action Rapid Deployment) which teaches members a new approach in dealing with school incidents involving hostage taking.

Our 911/Summerside Dispatch Centre continued to employ four full-time and one part-time Call-Taker. Three members of our police service attended the 9-1-1 conference in Halifax in 2008. They receive thousands of calls from the public each year for emergency and other services. They also monitor over a hundred alarms , monitor our police officers on patrol, and conduct numerous computer data base queries for them.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Councillor Cory Thomas
Chair of the Police Services Committee

Annual Report

Department of Technical Services

Councillor Ron Dowling

December 31, 2008

It is with pleasure that I present this report to the citizens of Summerside on behalf of the Technical Services Committee for 2008. It was a very busy year for the Department with building permits issued totalling \$19.9 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. Council approved a resolution identifying 33 properties of historical significance to be registered under the Provincial and Federal Historic Places Initiative Funds Program in which municipalities are granted \$500.00 per property. This program ends March 31, 2010.

The Sub Division Bylaw was revised, updated and approved by the Province in 2008. We have also presented a revised Building Bylaw with options to provide Barrier Free Access and Energy Efficiency measures to the Planning Committee in 2008. It will be finalized in 2009.

Numerous other improvements have been made to our bylaws to meet changing circumstances and needs, a new housing category - linked single homes was introduced, to increase the range of housing options for Summerside's Citizens. The East-West Collector Route and Development Plan was completed and received Provincial approval as a new Secondary Official Plan in 2008.

Plans were developed for the implementation of the City's Wind Farm along with the appropriate Zoning Amendments and Regulations. Research on new wind turbine technology including, domestic sized turbines was undertaken. In addition, extensive research on bio-fuels, wood burning appliances and energy efficient construction methods was undertaken.

A number of requests for major subdivisions were approved by Council, including final approval of 22 single-family residential building lots in Gavin Estates Phase II and Bishops Landing Phase II for preliminary approval of 43 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 at Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission [IRAC] hearings on land use appeals.

Development in the city for 2008 has resulted in 220 building permits issued with an estimated construction value of \$19.9 million. Construction for 2008 has seen 56 new residential housing units, 3 new commercial starts, 32 additions/ alterations to existing commercial buildings and 32 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 was completed in May of 2008, with responses to the changes being mostly favourable and positive. The Building Officer/Fire Inspector has completed approximately 840 inspections this year relating to both fire and building related inspections.

Work for the City's Electric Utility included upgrading some old underground services, design of R11 extension line to downtown, overseeing the design of substation SCADA, a new 8MW transformer replacement test and commissioning, protection for four engines and control modification for the power plant. Technical analysis of equipment failures, maintenance management, and reviewing the loading monthly, configuration of the high voltage distribution system.

Coordination with different projects, such as the Canada Games project, Ultramar Gas station, Elm Street school - one phase to three phase upgrade, purchasing and putting in service the IT equipment, engineering search for Eastlink and Aliant and other communication company and issued the permit. 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.

The Technical Service Department continued maintaining the city network to make sure our staff has a friendly efficient work environment, and continued upgrading the aging equipment and technology applying on city network.

Water and Sewer Capital Projects carried out in 2008 included the replacement of the sewer main on Schurman Avenue and Morrison Court, replacement of the water mains on Campbell Street, Cedar Street and Strong Street, abandoning the old water main on Second Street and the replacement of the Briggs Street Lift Station. Construction of the Summerside Water Pollution Control Center upgrade was completed.

Approximately 6.9 km of streets were resurfaced. The City also constructed approximately 441 meters of replacement of (existing) deteriorated sidewalks. West End Trail Phase 7 was started and will be completed early in 2009. Heritage Park and Garden Phase Two was completed. 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.

The Canada Games site, which consists of 3 tennis courts, 2 beach volley ball courts, an artificial turf field and a small building are nearing completion, with a little bit of work to be completed in early spring. Planning for the barns replacement and new grandstand has been underway, with the majority of it to be ready in July.

In closing, I would like to 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 2009.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Ron Dowling
Chair of the Technical Services Committee

Annual Report

of
Terry Murphy, C.A.O.
December 31, 2008

Welcome to our 2008 Annual Report. This publication summarizes the many challenges and accomplishments achieved during the past year by your City government. We prepare this report for you each year, and while we cannot list every single accomplishment of all departments, we hope it will provide insights into the work we do on behalf of our citizens. Each department will provide you an overview of their operations and I will give you a general overview of the work carried out with the administrative side of the City operations.

In 2008, as CAO I was involved in the development and funding allotments for several city projects along with overseeing the day to day operations. Some of these included: the 2009 Canada Summer Games infrastructure, the twelve megawatt wind farm development on the north slope of our city, the redevelopment of the Summerside Raceway property, the walking trails in the west end and the Heritage Gardens off Ottawa Street.

Construction commenced on new infrastructure in 2008 in preparation of the 2009 Canada games. The infrastructure includes a full size multipurpose artificial turf field to be used as one of the soccer venues, three tennis courts to be used as a practice site along with two beach volleyball courts which compromise the first permanent regulation site venue for this sport on PEI. The opening venue for these games will be held in the Credit Union Place main arena and the arena along with the ice pad will be the main site for the basketball component of the games. As part of the lasting legacy of the games, a permanent basketball floor will remain with Credit Union Place.

Green energy is the way of the future and wind energy on PEI is our natural resource. Presently we receive about 20% of our energy from wind through a contract with a private corporation in West Prince. The remainder of our energy is generated in New Brunswick and shipped to Summerside through transmission lines in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The energy that we receive from New Brunswick is based on market conditions on the day a contract is negotiated and leaves the utility at risk to the world economy. To try and mitigate that and at the same time keep as many of our citizens hard earned quarters at home, City staff have spent considerable time in the study of a new twelve megawatt wind farm. Funding for the farm has been sourced; the environmental impacts studies have been completed and approved by both the provincial and federal governments; final land contracts are being negotiated and pricing and deliveries of turbines are being reviewed. Presently the earliest that this project could deliver energy to Summerside consumers is December of 2009. Once all this information is in place this full project will proceed to City Council to determine if it will go ahead.

Over the last number of years the City has worked with the province to try and ensure the commitment that was made with respect to the redevelopment of the Summerside Raceway Complex would be completed as promised. This facility has been part of our city's culture since the early 1950's and harness racing has been part of our culture since the 1880's. In 2008 after numerous negotiations it was agreed that this facility would be redeveloped. Presently the main grandstand is being reconstructed and will be funded through the City and paid for through a fifteen year lease agreement with Atlantic Lotto. A new 80 stall stable barn and a 62 stall multipurpose ship-in facility are presently under construction based on the support of Services Canada and ACOA. In 2009 a three stable paddock facility will be built along with some rehabilitation services for the equine industry. The equine industry is a vital part of the island agricultural industry and Summerside as the service center of our county can play a vital part in the redevelopment of the industry through the additional facilities for rehab and education.

This past year the City was able to receive funding from the provincial government that had been allocated by the federal government for the development of trails. The funding provided for the extension of the Baywalk along MacKenzie Drive and

additional pathways in the Summerside Heritage Gardens of Ottawa Street. The Baywalk project will be completed in the spring to the former City boundary and it is hoped that new funding from this same source will become available in 2009 so that the remainder of this walkway can be completed out past the Duck pond. Work will also continue in the Heritage Gardens as funds become available.

2008 saw the completion of the new tertiary treatment plant. Although we had a number of growing pains as this plant has been brought up to full production, it has proven that it can remove many of the products within the waste stream that formerly were discharged into the Summerside Harbour. There is still more work to be completed on this facility to ensure that operational attributes are continued.

Some of the other projects commenced in 2008 that will move forth in 2009 include a study on biomass energy opportunities. The City has engaged an energy consultant to review the opportunities for a plant which will generate electricity along with heating and cooling loads within the City. If feasible this would allow another avenue to offset the present need to purchase many of our energy needs off island. The study is expected to be completed in the spring of 2009.

A study of the introduction of time of use digital meters for our electric consumers is also presently under way. It is hoped that the introduction of these meters, along with the wind energy development, will allow the City to introduce incentives that will encourage the reduction in the use of energy during peak hours. This program will allow direct ongoing two way communication with our users and at the same time allow the utility to introduce new programs to our citizens which can be of mutual interest. This study along with a 'fibre to the home' study currently being carried out will help identify future growth areas for our city in the communications and energy fields.

The provincial legislature took unprecedented steps to limit local government's ability to respond to the demands of its citizens and deliver services to the community by placing blanket restrictions on property tax policies. This property tax reform legislation adopted by the Provincial Legislature in 2008 spring session has seriously impacted on the City's revenue structure. Over the next ten years, because of the changes made the City will lose \$14 million in property tax revenues compared to the previous method mutually agreed upon. These monies lost by the City will end up in the coffers of the provincial government. We will be reviewing all avenues over the next few months to determine the various options available to the City to readdress this unilateral decision of the provincial government to void our contract. This contract was mutually agreed upon by both parties and signed off as part of the 1995 amalgamation process was only to be changed with the mutual consent of both parties. This didn't occur.

The decision to remove the historic service provided by the Summerside treatment plant to handle all lechate coming from the land fill site operated in East Prince by the Island Waste Management Corporation will have a significant impact on our sewer utility and the rates presently paid by the users of this utility. The City provided this service, for IWMC in return for a revenue stream which was used to reduce the cost of the service to our citizens.

As an organization, we will continue to focus on utilizing technology to provide quality municipal services in a productive and efficient manner at the lowest possible cost. We are committed to serving you the citizens and we know that with your help this will continue. These are challenging times for local governments to maintain quality services in light of revenue reductions. However, we are committed to continue to provide the type of community residents take pride in and others seek to emulate.

We hope you enjoy this report, and we look forward to serving you in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted



Terry Murphy
Chief Administrative Officer

Highlights

"The Mayor's Medal of Honor"

Presented by
The City of Summerside
to

Dr. Hubert McNeill



Dr. Hubert McNeill & Mayor Basil Stewart

“Volunteer of the Year”

Presented by

The City of Summerside

to

Volunteers of Credit Union Place



Volunteers of Credit Union Place

"Summerside Consolidated Credit Union" "Youth of the Year"

Presented by

The City of Summerside

to

Jocelyn Fraser

July 1, 2008



Sarah Millar & Jocelyn Fraser

"The Mayor's Good Neighbour Award"

Presented by
The City of Summerside
in Memory of
Her Worship the late Francis O. Perry
to
Joyce Phillips



Christine Patenaude [Grand daughter of Mayor Francis Perry]
Joyce Phillips & Mayor Basil Stewart

"Junior Mayor & Council 2008"



Junior Mayor
Taylor Stright

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Economic Development Chair
Human Resources Chair
Technical Services Chair
Police Services Chair
Community Services
Municipal Services Chair
Fire Services Chair

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Miranda Muttart
Hilary MacDonald
Stephanie Ellis
Toni Matthew
Patrick McNeill
Lauren McKenna Costain

Report to the City of Summerside

Mayor & Council

From

The Junior Mayor & Council

Good evening. My name is Taylor Stright and I served as Junior Mayor on February 7, 2008. I would like to thank his worship, Mayor Stewart and the council for allowing us to assume their positions for the day. We would also like to thank the school and the City of Summerside for continuing with this important program.

Our day as Junior Mayor and council was filled with interesting and educational activities. We thought the whole day was awesome. Getting to see behind the scenes of the City of Summerside was fun and educational. We were surprised to hear that the program has been taking place for 41 years, and proud to be a part of it. Special thanks to those department heads that took time out of their busy schedules to give us a tour. The presentations by these people were very informative. The swearing in ceremony was a highlight. It was great to have family attend this evening event and we enjoyed the formality and seriousness to which it was presented.

For Economic Development we went to the Wyatt Heritage Houses and had a tour of two of the centers. We were informed about the many resources available for researching Summerside's history, or a family tree. Available resources include newspapers dating back to the late 1800's and many journals of a famous Summerside lawyer, Wanda Wyatt. Municipal Services was informative. We had no idea that Summerside had the ability to produce its own power. It is also impressive how much power comes from wind energy. We headed across the street to view the equipment Summerside uses to keep the city clean and in good condition. The new sewer treatment plant was also a learning experience. A smelly one but still a learning experience. The science that goes into cleaning our waste water is incredible. Knowing that dirty water comes out clean, and free of bacteria is pretty amazing. Fire Services was a fun and exciting tour. The station was clean and well kept. We enjoyed viewing the fire trucks and seeing the latest technology. The Recreation and Public Relations was a highlight for all of us. After a delicious lunch by Chef Emily we had an in depth tour of the Credit Union Place. We were impressed with how well the facility was planned and excited about this new facility for our community. It has brought a new energy to the city, it is great to see people running on the track, swimming in the pool and watching hockey games. Some of the future plans for this area of the city are impressive and we are looking forward to them. We also had a presentation on the cities finances and learned that there are a number of sources of revenue that the city uses to provide the services and quality of living that we as citizens receive. It was certainly educational. During this discussion we enjoyed sitting in the "big comfy chairs" .

The Police Station was a highlight of the day. The technology used in that building is incredible. During our tour of the police station we processed a lot of informative information. We were shown tons of interesting rooms and items. We learned about forensic science which made us feel like CSI agents. Technical Services was an interesting department. We were able to view some of our properties on the computer and we learned where to get building permits. We also learned about sidewalk and road repair and how it is determined which areas take priority in the spring. We learned that the staff at Human Resources and Legal Affairs are responsible for many things. They pay the city employees and are also the city's lawyers.

At this time we would like to offer you some suggestions that we, the Junior Mayor and Council have compiled. First of all, it would be great to see some more space for Technical Services. Also, the waterfront mall and down town area need to be lived up a bit now that we have the board walk; we need something to keep people from just walking by. Some suggestions for concerts at this facility are: Cassie, Travis Tritt, Taylor Swift and Rush.

All in all the day was a huge success. We would like to thank Brian for organizing this, and spending the day with us. In conclusion we would like to express our gratitude to Mayor Stewart, the council and the city for this invaluable opportunity. Your commitment to Summerside youth is fantastic. We hope that this day is continued into the future for others to enjoy.

Summerside Intermediate School



"The George Key Senior Memorial Trophy" "Citizen of the Year"

Presented by the City of Summerside
to

George Dalton

July 1, 2008



Nancy Key & George Dalton

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
		2007	Allen Gaudet Ron MacInnis Paul MacWilliams
1998	Anna Mae Barlow Art Sonier	2008	Sheila Williams Roy Hogan Jim Steele
2000	George Arsenault Donald MacKay Carlyle Newson		
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

