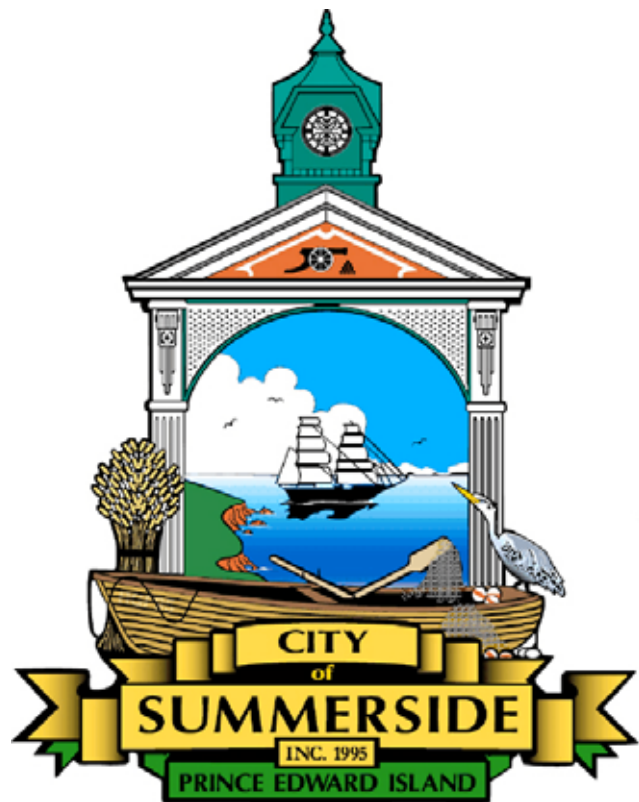
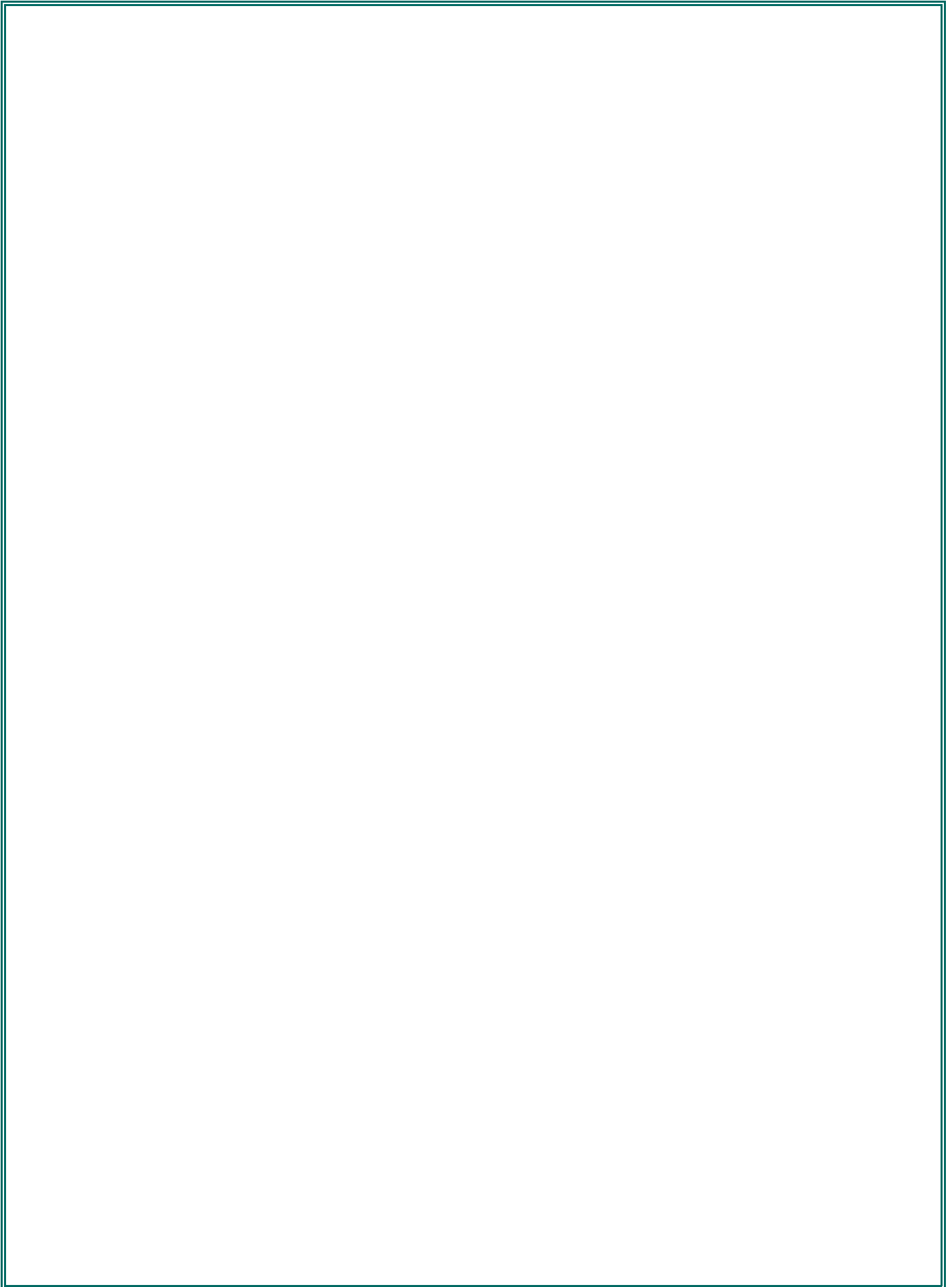


# City of Summerside

*Incorporated April 1, 1995*

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Annual Report  
2005*





*The Eleventh Annual Report*

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In Memory Of*

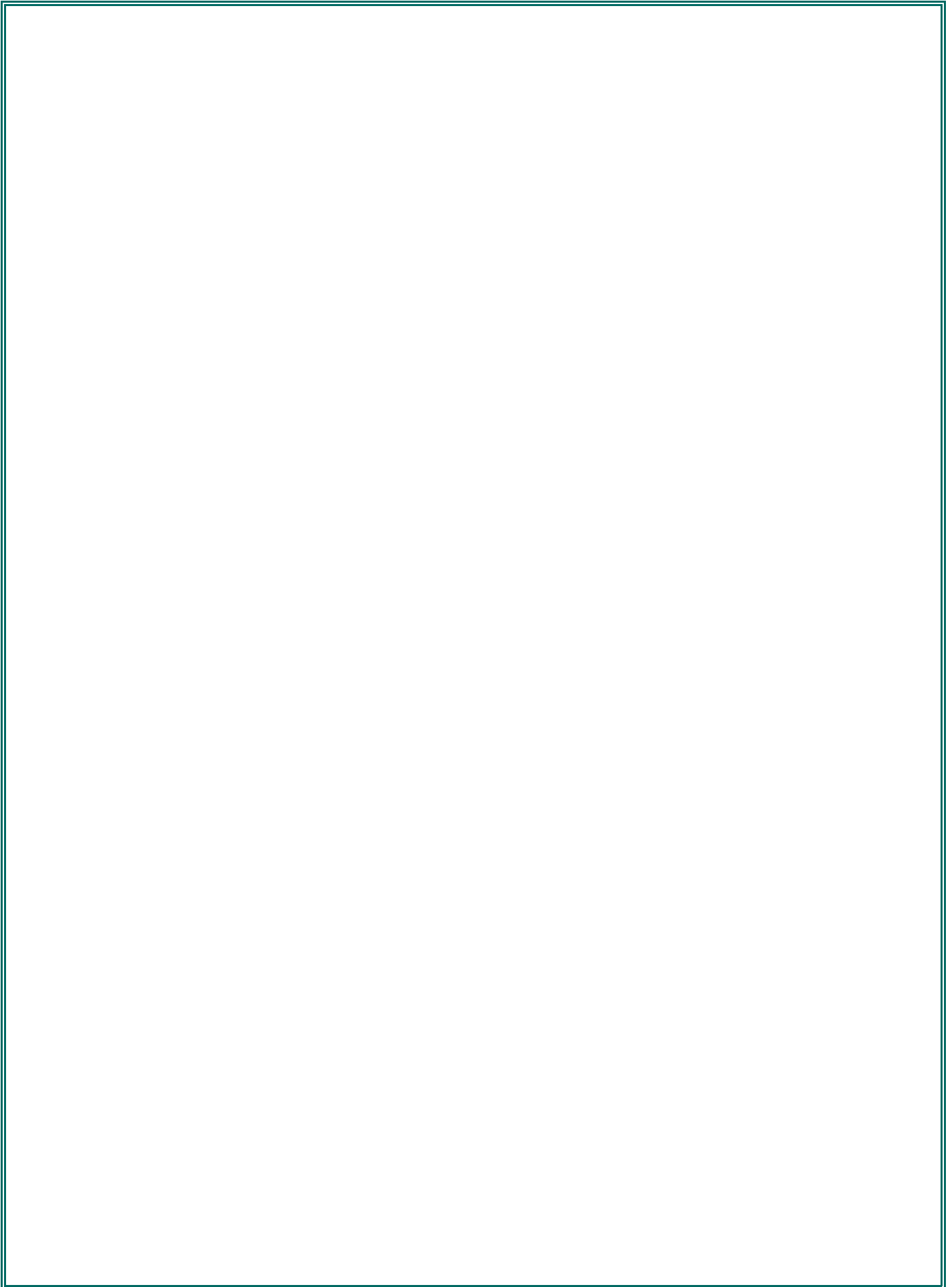


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*Mayor & Councillor of the Town of Summerside 1962-1968*

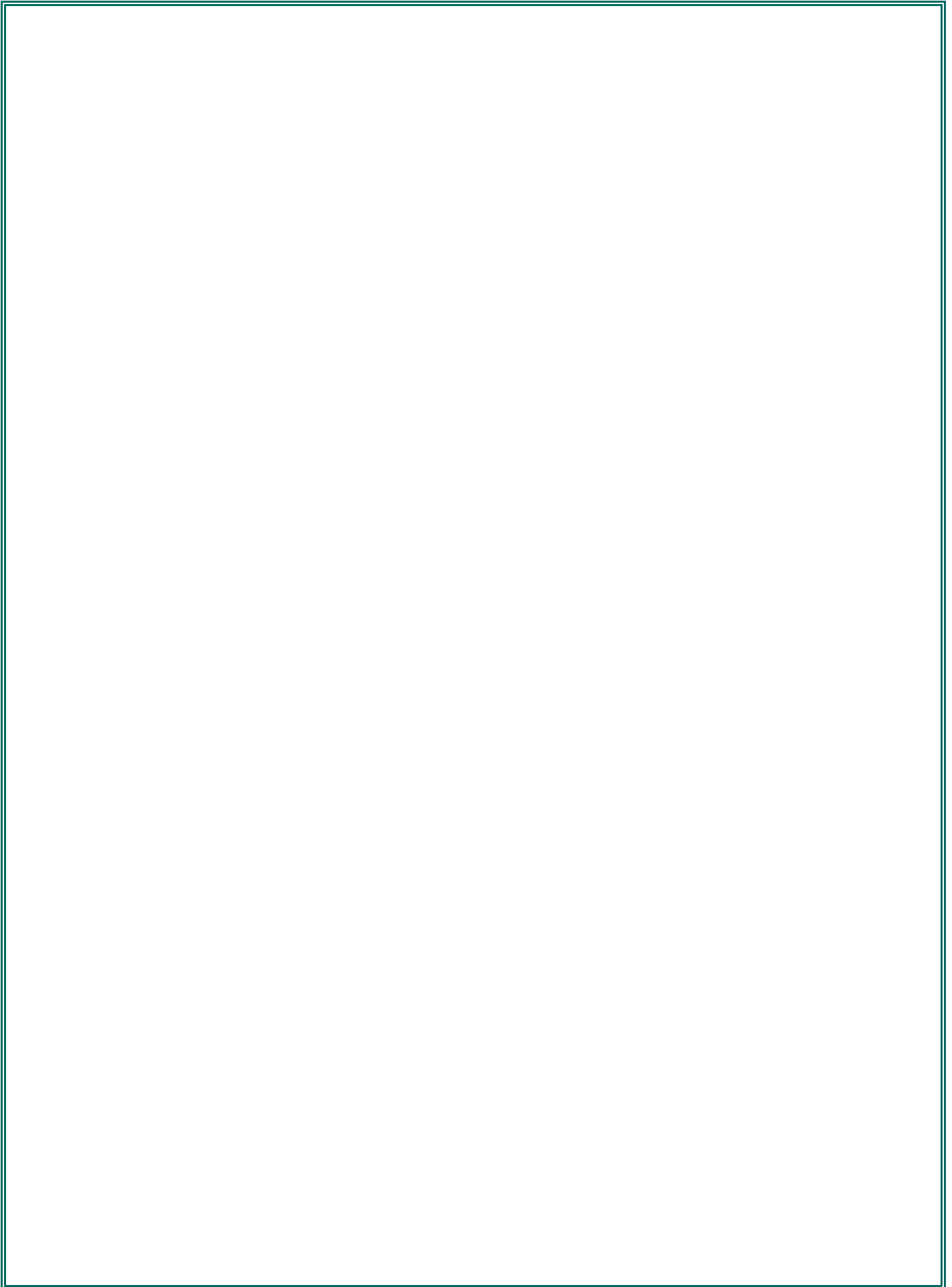
*Friend of the Community*

*Who Passed Away, July 3, 2005*



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Mayor  
&  
Council

# *City of Summerside Council*



*Mayor Basil L. Stewart*



*Councillor  
Merlin Cormier  
Municipal Services*



*Deputy Mayor  
Bruce MacDougall  
Financial Services*



*Councillor  
Paul Power  
Technical Services*



*Councillor  
Tasia Lambe  
Fire Services*



*Councillor  
Norma McColemann  
HR & Legal Affairs*



*Councillor  
Brent Gallant  
Economic Development*



*Councillor  
Garth Lyle  
Police Services*



*Councillor  
Barry Chappell  
Recreation & PR*



## *City Hall*

*Original Construction 1886  
Renovated & Expanded 2003*

C.A.O  
&  
Department  
Heads



*Joanne Corkum  
Recreation & PR*



*Jim Peters  
Fire Services*



*Malcolm Millar  
Financial Services*



*Ian Drummond  
Police Services*



*Terry Murphy  
Chief Administrative Officer*



*Marie-France Thériault  
HR & Legal Affairs*



*Mike Thruska  
Economic Development*



*Don Forbes  
Municipal Services*



*Aaron MacDonald  
Technical Services*

# The Makeup

*City of Summerside  
2005 Annual Report  
The Makeup*

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  
Ian Drummond  
Don Forbes  
Malcolm Millar  
Mike Thususka  
Marie-France Thériault  
Jim Peters  
Joanne Corkum

Solicitor: Patterson Palmer

Auditor: Grant Thornton

Population: 14,654

Area: 27.5 sq. km.

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*The Makeup*

**Administration**

Anna Marie MacDonald

**Economic Development**

Nancy Beth Guptill      Fred Horne      Paul MacWilliams      Susan Rodgers  
 Lori Ellis

**Fire Services**

Lawrence LaPierre

**Financial Services**

Debbie Cameron      Marilyn Dawson      Kristen Dunsford      Cathy Gaudet  
 Roy Hogan      Dianne MacLaren      Michelle MacLeod      Betty McDonald  
 Shannon Francis

**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      Milton Montgomery      Rick Morrison      Ernie Steele

**Police Services**

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

**Recreation & Public Relations**

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

**Technical Services**

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

*City of Summerside*  
*2005 Annual Report*  
*The Makeup*

**Volunteer Fire Department**

Marcel Arsenault	Lawrence LaPierre
James Arsenault	James MacAusland
Craig Blacquiere	Kory MacAusland
James Blacquiere	Jason MacAusland
Jean Bouchard	Barry MacDonald
Dale Cameron	Gordon MacFadyen
Gordon Campbell	Roger MacKinnon
Jeff Bernard	Wayne MacKinnon
Kent Moase	Dwane MacNeill
Kenny Culleton	Jason McCarville
Reginald DesRoches	Raymond McCourt
Steven DesRoches	Brian Morrison
Brian Edwards	Rick Morrison
Ron Enman	Tony Perry
Brent Gallant	Bernie Peters
Douglas Gallant	Tom Peters
Gary Gallant	Blair Phillips
Joseph 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	Tyler DesRoches
Paul Kelly	Barry Whalen
Pat Kelly	Clay Moase
	William Leuty

# Annual Reports

# *“Summerside Wellness Centre”*

## *Schematic Design South West Perspective*



*Annual Report  
of  
Mayor Basil L. Stewart  
December 31, 2005*

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Mayor, for 2005.

January 2005 began with a largely attended New Year's Levee. Prince County Mayors and Chairs continued their meetings pertaining to Prince County issues and concerns. January also included the opening of the Holland College Learning Center (former Lo Foods) on Water Street, and Marlene Boily's swearing in as President at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Meeting. In February, the Junior Mayor and Council were sworn in and spent a day touring City Departments. Further, a number of meetings regarding the 2009 Canada Summer Games were held during the year with Chair, Joe Spriet, and Paul M. Schurman. Our City of Summerside will be host City for the opening ceremonies for the 2009 Canada Summer Games. March saw the opening of the very successful 2005 Over 55 Winter Provincial Games, and a Press Conference was held to announce the sale of the "Spa" Resort to Chinese Developers. It is anticipated that this development will proceed in 2006. In April, a number of Atlantic Mayors including myself, attended the Atlantic Mayor's Conference in Cornerbrook, and the Prince County Family Services Bureau held the Paul M. Schurman' Roast, which a number of Councillors and myself attended.

A number of functions and events took place in May and June, including the Relay for Life at the Summerside Racetrack. This event was a very successful fundraiser for the Cancer Society. I was also invited to Happy Valley, Goose Bay, to participate in a Conference regarding the economy where I spoke regarding how Summerside dealt with the Base closure, as their Town is in the process of losing military presence. The World Junior Softball Championship began in June, at Queen Elizabeth Park.

July began with Canada Day celebrations at Spinnaker's Landing. Mr. Ted Cross was presented the George Key, Sr., Memorial Trophy for Citizen of the Year, Megan McDonald was presented the Consolidated Credit Union Trophy for Youth of the Year, and Mr. George Olscamp was presented the C. Ross MacKenzie Award for his dedicated work over the years assisting with Canada Day ceremonies. His Worship the late George A. Key, Jr., who served on Council and as Mayor in the 1960's, passed away on July 3, 2005. This Annual Report is dedicated in his memory. Also in July, a welcome reception was held at Wyatt Properties when the National Community in Bloom Judges visited Summerside, the official opening of the new Park Hill Seniors Home (which was the former Nurses Residence) took place, and the former Prince County Hospital demolition was completed. This year, another very successful Lobster Carnival Parade and Celebrity Dinner was held, with guest speaker CTV News Reporter, Mike Duffy. On July 12, 2005 I was presented the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club at the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club 's Annual combined lunch. This is a great honor for me and I thank the Rotary Club very much. I would like to thank Anna Marie MacDonald our Administrative Assistant for her 35 years of dedicated service. Anna Marie will be retiring early in the new year and we wish her and her husband Gerry all the best.

In August 2005 the Mayor and Council held a meeting with Premier Binns and the Provincial Cabinet at City Hall where issues and concerns pertaining to our City of Summerside were discussed. Also in August, I, along with Charlottetown Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen and the Hon. Elmer MacFadyen, attended the Canada Summer Games' opening ceremonies in Regina, Saskatchewan. I then invited Regina Mayor, Pat Fiacco, to Summerside, to make a presentation as to the economic impact of the Canada Summer Games on a community, which he did in September. On August 13, 2005, prominent Summerside Doctor Jim Saunders, passed away. He will be greatly missed by the Community and by all who knew the Good Doctor. Also

in August, the Atlantic Senior Open Sally Basler Golf Tournament was held in Summerside with Golfers from across Canada and the United States attending this prestigious event, and we attended the opening ceremonies for the very successful 10<sup>th</sup> National Cavendish Farms Pee Wee Baseball Championship.

In September, I attended the National FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Board Meeting in Charlottetown. I thank Mayor Clifford Lee and Charlottetown City Council for their great hospitality. Other events in September, included the award of tenders for the site work on the new Wellness Center Phase Two, the Graduation of 60 Police Cadets from the Atlantic Police Academy in Summerside, and a yearly meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and City of Summerside to discuss issues and concerns, and how we can continue to work together to ensure that we have a developing and prosperous City.

The fall included completion of my three-year term representing PEI on the National Infrastructure Committee "Infra Guide", as well as attendance by a number of Atlantic Mayors including myself at a Charlottetown meeting for Atlantic Mayors. Again, thanks to Mayor Lee and the City of Charlottetown, for their friendly hospitality. I also wish to congratulate members of the City's Fire Department who were presented their long service medals and 25 year rings at a recognition night at City Hall.

In November, many municipal issues were discussed at the Federation of PEI Municipalities' Annual Meeting in Tignish, attended by myself, members of Council, and Senior Management. We thank Tignish Council Chair, Elmer Arseneault, and Council, for their fine hospitality. Also in November, members of Council and I attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Memorial Square before a large crowd, and the Legion Home Service and Banquet on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>. A large crowd also attended our Santa Claus Christmas Parade on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

In December, the new City Water Tower in St. Eleanor's was dedicated, in memory of Emmett Kelly, long time Chair of St. Eleanor's Council, in the presence of Mrs. Marion Kelly and members of the Kelly family. December also saw another successful Kinsmen Christmas Appeal, and presentations of certificates by the City to long standing businesses within our City. We finished the year with many people attending a large New Year's Eve party in Memorial Square.

The 2005 year has been a very busy year and in this report I refer to a number of functions and events. However, there were numerous other meetings, events, functions, and duties pertaining to the Mayor's Office, which had to be tended to. At this time, I want to thank City Council and Staff for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the City. I thank my wife, Gail, and my family for their continued support in 2005. I would also like to thank M.P. Joe McGuire, and Premier Pat Binns and his Government, for their cooperation and financial support for our new Wellness Center, which will see Phase One open in 2006. Also, thanks for your support on other major infrastructure projects such as our Wind Farm and new Pollution Treatment Plant. Thanks also, to the Federal and Provincial Governments for their support on the 100% GST rebate, and the gas tax funding for our City. In closing, I will say I look forward to working with Council, Federal and Provincial Governments, and all organizations in 2006, to ensure continued growth and prosperity, for the betterment of our City. A lot of new development has taken place in 2005, and there will be much more new development in 2006. I wish our citizens and our businesses much success in 2006.

Respectfully Submitted



Basil L. Stewart  
Mayor

*Annual Report  
Department of Economic Development  
Councillor Brent Gallant  
December 31, 2005*

As chair of the Economic Development Committee, I am pleased to provide the Annual Report for 2005. Summerside truly is a unique community known for its exceptional quality of life, a multitude of recreational opportunities, a diverse and growing industrial, commercial and agricultural base, quality health care and excellent schools and social amenities, it truly is a City "Where Ideas Work", and in 2005 we saw an abundance of new projects, investment and new confidence in the community.

The City continued to experience unprecedented growth and development in 2005. Summerside saw in excess of \$30 million in new investment, ranging in size, scope and diversity. The development highlights included over 123 new condo/apartment units in construction throughout the city, seven new residential subdivisions in varying stages of development, over 80,000 square feet of new commercial development, the sale of three hundred acres of land in the west end of the city for future development, the continuation of the tourism investment project along the waterfront, as well as two international investors whom purchased significant assets in the city, the former Spa Resort and the Waterfront Mall. 2005 also saw significant investment continue in the downtown core with the completion of the confederation trail revitalization project, the transformation of the Journal Pioneer building and the continuing partnership with Downtown Summerside Inc. on their redevelopment plans and marketing efforts.

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

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

The department has set out through its mandate to achieve the objectives and priorities to enhance the pillars of economic development, being Business Attraction and Retention, Entrepreneurship, Technology, Immigration, Education, and Population. Through strategic priority setting and program redevelopment undertaken in 2005 and through the first quarter of 2006, the Economic Development Committee is taking steps to create programs that satisfy the established goals and enhance the key pillars of economic development for the community to ensure our continued prosperity.

The City is also anticipating future needs, and has had a strong focus on infrastructure enhancements including the new Wellness Centre, the wind generation project, the new waste treatment plant, the new water tower, all projects that will ensure adequate services into the future for further industrial and commercial growth.

As we look specifically at the operations of the Wyatt Heritage properties we are able to report on a busy year with the rebuild and restoration of the Lefurgey Cultural Centre that consumed over 6 months and the relocation of the International Fox Museum.

Despite the setback caused by the fire our total visitation of 8506 exceeded the previous numbers reported for the 2004 season (6487). This is a 23.7 % percent increase and a testament to the increasing value our local and visiting communities place on heritage and cultural experiences. Revenue was also up in 2005 - 24.94% above the previous year.

The Wyatt Heritage Properties has been awarded the Irene Rodgers Award from the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation for outstanding work in the field of architectural preservation for work preformed in 2005; this award will be presented at the next Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony.

Staff and project workers continue to deliver and build on successful programs and services. Summer and winter programs for children were a huge success again in 2005 serving almost 1000 school children on site.

In 2006 Wyatt Heritage Properties will spearhead a number of new projects based on the building of profile and development of new audiences. These initiatives include an active outreach program, an enhanced online presence, the development of a membership program, programs directed at youth, seniors, and corporate groups and the building and implementation of marketing, revenue generation and business engagement strategies.

In conclusion, Economic development which is a highly competitive field where the degree of separation between one location and the next 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 cursive script that reads "Brent Gallant".

Councillor Brent Gallant  
Chair of the Economic Development Committee

*Annual Report*  
*Department of Financial Services*  
*Deputy Mayor Bruce MacDougall*  
*December 31, 2005*

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

The Department of Financial Services is responsible for the management, custody and control of the financial affairs of the City. In exercising these responsibilities, the Department carries out the following activities:

- ▶ Coordinates the development of the Budget;
- ▶ Prepares the annual Financial Statement;
- ▶ Monitors, evaluates and controls the cash flow and cash requirements for the City;
- ▶ Coordinates the accounting and utility billing functions;
- ▶ Coordinates the purchasing of all supplies, materials, equipment and services for all Departments;
- ▶ Secures long term financing for the City, as required by Council.

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. 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 budget adopted by the City Council in 2005 for fiscal year 2005 is one of the main policy directives that City Council uses in establishing predetermined goals and strategies for the City of Summerside. In that regard, the diversification of the tax base, with the addition of user fees revenue in lieu of property tax revenue, 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 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 late 2003, the City's Electric Utility entered into an agreement with NB Power which fixed the cost of power purchases until October, 2006. This has enabled the utility to once again operate on a reasonably profitable basis and position itself to invest in wind generation to provide for environmentally friendly cost effective energy in future years. I would also like to thank the Federal Government for the sharing of gas tax which became a reality in 2005 and which represents a key source of funding for establishing renewable energy.

This past year was another busy and exciting year for the Financial Services Department. 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. Also, the City launched its high speed wireless internet service, known as "Route 2", which is now available to most residents in the western end of the Island in areas where this service would not otherwise be available

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 decisions made by the employees directly affect the financial resources consumed in the delivery of service. This dedicated group continues to make sound choices when determining an appropriate City infrastructure, while balancing the year to year financial affairs. 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 the Financial Services staff 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 Tasia Lambe*  
*December 31, 2005*

On behalf of the Fire Services Committee of the City of Summerside, I am pleased to submit the 2005 Annual Report.

During the year 2005, fire losses totaled \$1,009,200 within the Summerside Fire Department coverage area as compared to \$1,634,100 the previous year. There was one loss of life by fire in 2005. There were 150 responses by Station One and 47 by Station Two. The type of responses included:

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

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

### Training

Deputy Chief Tom Peters organized Level One class room training, physical hands on training, vehicle extraction training, ice rescue training and preplanning tours of various buildings throughout the City. Each Firefighter is required to have 40 hours training per year. Our Firefighters have received 2770 man hours training during 2005 for an average of 48 hours per Firefighter.

### Personnel

During 2005 Lt. Paul Olscamp retired after 25 years service as a Firefighter and Training Officer of the Department. We thank Paul for his service to his community. There were no new firefighters taken on the roster in 2005

### Fire Department Auxiliary

The Fire Department's Auxiliary continue to support the Firefighters by assisting fund raising efforts and by offering rehab support at serious fires such as the one that occurred at the new Wellness Centre.

### Fire Prevention

In 2005, Fire Inspector John Hastings assisted building owners with fire inspections and information regarding Fire and Building Codes. Firefighter Lawrence LaPierre promoted Fire Safety to children at the various schools in Summerside and as well hosted students and groups at Station One promoting Fire Prevention.

### Equipment

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; Engine 4 - 1983 Pierreville - 840 GPM - 500 Gallons; Ladder - 2002 Smeal - 1750 GPM - 85 feet; Salvage - 1991 Grumman Olsen Step Van; Rescue - 1999 GMC Van; Department - 1998 GMC 4 x 4; and Tanker - 1984 International - 3000 gallon.

In 2005 the department ordered a 1250 GPM pumper with a tank capacity of 2200 gallons to replace Engine 4 and the 1984 Tankers. Delivery date is April 2006.

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 Tasia Lambe  
Chair of the Fire Services Committee

*Annual Report*  
*Department of Human Resources & Legal Affairs*  
*Councillor Norma McColeman*  
*December 31, 2005*

On behalf of the Human Resources and Legal Affairs Committee of the City of Summerside, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2005.

It was another busy and challenging year in the Department. In addition to providing Payroll Services, Benefits Assistance, Council Support, and 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.

Following is a list of changes in our workforce during 2005:

**Retirements:**

- ▶ Allan Savidant - Manager, Wyatt Properties
- ▶ Donnie Ferrish - Assistant Operations Supervisor
- ▶ Arnold Lamarsh - Operator
- ▶ Wendell Grady - Labourer

**New Full-Time Employees:**

- ▶ Shannon Francis - Accountant
- ▶ Lori Ellis - Manager, Historical/Cultural Properties

**Internal Position Changes:**

- ▶ Kristen Dunsford - From Accountant to Manager of Financial Services
- ▶ Gary McInnis - From Assistant Municipal Engineer 2 to Assistant Operations Supervisor

Negotiations are ongoing for two of the City's Collective Agreements with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and preparations for negotiations on all other Collective Agreements have begun.

The "Quality of Work Life Committee" met regularly during the year organizing Wellness Initiatives, Training, Reward and Recognition activities, while also leading and/or assisting in the organization of Employee Driven Activities. The Committee also continued, as in other years, with a Monthly Employee Newsletter for the staff and organized a Staff BBQ as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Staff Family Picnic. The addition of Sandy Ripley as Part-Time HR Coordinator to replace a contracted service used in the past has proven to be an excellent opportunity. A big "thank-you" goes out to the hard-working and dedicated individuals who have worked on the Committee during the year: Barry Arsenault, Joanne Corkum, Linda Irving, Marie-France

Thériault, Sheila Williams, Mary Drummond, Jim Steele, Shannon Francis and Sandy Ripley.

This year's Wellness Initiatives included the 10-10-10 Weight Loss Challenge, flu shots for approximately 50 of our employees, and a Wellness Fair at City Hall where staff were able to have diabetes screening done, as well as getting their blood pressure, body mass index and cholesterol checked.

In the Spring, the results of a Workplace Education PEI Study were compiled and presented to the City. As such the needs of City employees have been assessed and training has commenced as per the recommendations of the report. In October, 72 employees attended Personality Dimensions Training which was the 1<sup>st</sup> part of a 2-part Communications Training Initiative. Lunch and Learns were also held throughout the year, including sessions on Travel Destinations, Managing Stress and the Importance of Owning a Will.

The Employee Assistance Program continues, provided by Warren Shepell. Statistics provided seem to show that the program is well used by City of Summerside Employees and their families. Refresher Orientation Sessions were held to remind employees how the program works and the benefits it offers.

On April 1, 2005, a Rewards & Recognition Ceremony was held where seven employees were recognized for their long service with the former municipalities and now the City of Summerside.

Several employees have nominated each other for Smarty Awards as a thank you for the little things they do for each other. It is hoped that this will continue to foster appreciation and teamwork between the employees.

Employee activities have contributed to the improvement of the Foyer at City Hall. A Photo Contest led to a Memory Book displayed in the Foyer and a Staff Social was held in December to decorate the Christmas Tree.

City employees from all departments teamed up to raise money for and participate in various events, including Bowl for Kids Sake (Big Brothers Big Sisters), the Relay for Life (Cancer Society), the Run for the Cure (Breast Cancer), the Baby Barn Build (Habitat for Humanity), Tees for Kids (Hospitalized Children).

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 Merlin Cormier*  
*December 31, 2005*

As Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, I am very pleased to present the 2005 Municipal Services Annual Report.

The Electric Utility's Distribution Sales are up 1.70% over 2004 with gains being made evenly in the Commercial/Residential Sector. The industrial sector saw a decline of 7.43% due to the Polar Foods closure for a full year and the cut backs in production at 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 and this contract continues until October 31/06. The City's long term goal will be to continue pursuing suppliers on the open market and looking at alternate renewable sources of energy (Wind).

The kilowatt hours sales decreased by 0.3% in 2005 mainly because consumption was down in the Industrial rate class. Revenue from total sales averaged 12.69 cents per kilowatt sold which was an increase of 1.7% over 2004 due to a 2% increase in electrical rates and customer growth.

Generation at our Harvard Street generating station decreased to 67,627 kilowatt hours from 103,799 in 2004. The Utility needed to run once in January 2005 for a blackout in which we produced 32,238 kilowatt hours and this was for testing purposes.

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 Gillespie Avenue, Burkeshire Drive, Ryan Street, MacLeod Street and the Lyle Road. In 2005, the Utility added 102 new customers which was up from 94 in 2004.

In the Public Works Division with our new salt truck, weather conditions, and monitoring procedures our salt usage was again reduced by 126 metric tons over 2004.

The City continued with the new bilingual street sign project with funding assistance provided through the Canada/P.E.I. Promotion of Official languages program. The City purchased 267 signs and approximately 250 signs have been installed to date.

The following infrastructure was repaired during the year:- 71 Driveways and 11 storm basins.

There was one major snow storm in 2005 where the City received 40 centimeters on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. And 24<sup>th</sup>..

The Water and Sewer Division experienced 13 water main breaks in 2005 and 12 water valves were repaired. Chlorinating units were installed on two 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.

Regulations were also established by the Province which identified methods for testing and chlorinating drinking water supplies.

The City's Water & Sewer Department also repaired three sanitary manholes.

The Pollution Control Treatment plant's usage flow was 2,042,000 which was a decrease of 8.8% over 2004. The disinfection process which occurred between May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> used 9702.0 kilograms of chlorine to treat the affluent. There was 1,271.3 metric tons of sludge disposed of at the Wellington Landfill Site.

There were 35 permanent employees in the Municipal Services Department at year end. Non-productive days for the year 2005 stood at 1,495 which was an increase of 149.5 over 2004. Those days were comprised as follows:- 736 Annual vacation, 702.5 sick days, 405 statutory holidays, 3 for Workers Compensation, 0 pre-retirement sick days and 3 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 Merlin Cormier  
Chair of the Municipal Services Committee

*Annual Report  
Department of Police Services  
Councillor Garth Lyle  
December 31, 2005*

I am again, as Chairman of the Police Service Committee, very pleased to present the Annual Police Services report for the year 2005.

Summerside Police Services had another busy year in which 8004 new files were opened compared to 8368 new files in 2004. The actual Criminal Code offences decreased to 1771 as compared to 1780 in 2004. Our motor vehicle accident rate has also come down from last year with a total of 348 accidents compared to 386 in 2004. Of these 162 were accidents with more than \$1,000.00 damage and 151 were accidents with less than \$1,000.00 damage. The number of injury accidents were reduced from 42 last year to 35 this year and we were successful again in having a fatality free year.

The general patrol section continues to consist of 18 uniform positions and 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. This year our Police Department upgraded our P.I.R.S. system (filing & scoring information system) to P.R.O.S. This new system has been adapted by all police forces on P.E.I. and numerous other police forces across Canada including all R.C.M.P. Detachments with the exception of British Columbia. Our files will now be stored in the information system and all users will have access to all files held at any of these Departments. Information will be updated by the last entries and police forces are able to ask for and receive assistance from others electronically. P.E.I. is the first province to have all it's police officers using one file 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 is assigned to the Prince District Joint Forces Drug Section which is a cooperative effort between the Summerside Police Service and the Prince District RCMP. The Drug Section has traditionally been a 2 member section(one from each service) but in October, 2005, the RCMP added another member to the section, bringing the total compliment up to 3 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 the year 2005, the Drug Section conducted 32 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 addition to drug enforcement, the Drug Section also provided information, to various police services, that led to the recovery of persons wanted on outstanding arrest warrants and to the recovery of various items of stolen property. They also attend local schools and provide drug awareness and educational talks to students as well as groups of parents and teachers.

The Major Crime Unit is also responsible for providing Forensic Identification Services. The department purchased a DiazaFluoren-9-One (DFO) oven which is used in conjunction with fingerprint enhancing chemicals. A computer system and software is now being used for the enhancement of fingerprints and the preparation of fingerprint and footwear charts. A member was also trained at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa in the use of this advanced software.

The Police Services Department has seen an elevated use in DNA evidence in the past year. It has become an extremely valuable tool in investigating and solving crime. The police service in keeping abreast with this advancing technology have purchased equipment which is utilized in the preservation of DNA evidence recovered from crime scenes.

In 2005, The Major Crime Unit was presented with what appeared as a serious problem with break and enters into private residences. As of late September, police received fifty complaints of residential break and enters. Of these reported crimes, investigators saw what appeared to be a pattern of what police refer to as "Walk Ins". 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 loosely organized 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.

The Traffic By-Laws Officer and patrol members issued 1165 municipal by-law tickets and 287 warning citations. Under numerous Memoranda of Understanding, Police Services continues to enforce disabled parking and fire lane areas and impresses upon the public to adhere to the parking regulations. The Animal By-Law has come under some scrutiny and police have increased dog patrols.

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 2005 were "Kids 'N Kops" guitar program, "Stop Lifting" Program, 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 Department continues to emphasise the importance of ongoing training. During 2005 we sent 4 members to the Canadian Police College in Ottawa for specialised training, one member attended the Atlantic Police Academy and a variety of our employees attended 31 other seminars and short courses.

Our 911/Summerside Dispatch Centre continued to employ 4 full-time and 2 part-time dispatchers. They receive thousands of calls from the public for emergency 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 them. In addition to these duties this Police Dept. entered into an agreement with a private company to assist with background security checks for a fee. The dispatch centre has accepted this added responsibility and work without complaint. The incoming revenue is credited to the City.

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

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Garth Lyle  
Chair of the Police Services Committee

*Annual Report*  
*Department of Recreation & Public Relations*  
*Councillor Barry Chappell*  
*December 31, 2005*

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for 2005 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 and special events, 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 21 staff for a total of 343 work weeks which amounted to \$92,932 in wages at a cost to the City of \$4,192.

In 2005, the Department led or was involved in 431 events or activities of which 109 were recreation related, 282 leisure or culture related and 40 were business related. It is expected that the coming year will be just as busy with events and activities. During 2005, our community hosted the; Chamber of Commerce Trade Show; Annual Lobster Carnival Festival; College of Piping Highland Games; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maritime Hummer Gathering; Atlantic Senior Golf Championship; ISF World Junior Softball Championship; Cavendish Farms Baseball Canada National PeeWee Championship (10<sup>th</sup> year); 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass Jubilee; Tulips 2005 - Friendship Tour; Story Telling Festival; Contact East Artist Showcase; visits from various Tall Ships, and various other provincial sporting events which included swimming, hockey, figure skating, baseball/softball etc. and the newly created Green's Shore activities at the West End Beach and Shipyard Market venues.

The Department hosted and organized various activities for its citizens including: Wendy's Volunteer of the Year Award presented to Mr. Sandy Rundle; Mayor's Good Neighbor Award presented to Mr. Doug MacLean; Canada Day - with presentations to Ted Cross - Citizen of the Year and Megan MacDonald - Youth of the Year and the C. Ross MacKenzie Award presented to Mr. George Olscamp 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 second annual Mayor's Medal of Honor Award - won by Dr. Sheldon Cameron. 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 200 children participating. Recreation and Public Relations continued to develop their Lacrosse and shinny programs in 2005 with over 150 children participated. We continue to partner with tennis, soccer, hockey and figure skating to enable growth in these programs.

The Healthy Summerside Committee, formed to enable our City to become one of the healthiest cities in Canada, has developed a plan, after consulting with many citizens in the community, which will be enacted in 2006. The addition of the Green's Shore Park area has created yet another venue for citizens and visitors to partake in numerous community and cultural experience. In partnership with ACOA, the City was able to provide infrastructure to this site including outdoor speakers along the boardwalk, an outdoor movie screen for 'popcorn in the park' evening movies, portable fire pots - sunset celebrations and a portable stage which accommodated such cultural events as Acadian Week, Nautical Week, Celtic Week

and a Lantern Festival. All activities were well attended and the department looks forward to further developing this new venue for 2006.

The Centennial Pool operated for the entire 2005 season, it's 38<sup>th</sup> year. Programs such as the Red Cross Swim Kids program for children and Red Cross Learn to Swim for adults, Waterworks Arthritic Classes, Aquafit aerobics classes, Water Running, Kick Boxing and public swims continue at the pool and numbers are expected to increase once the new facility is opened in spring of 2006.

The Department continues to remove seaweed at the West End Beach with approximately 212 truck loads hauled away this past summer season.

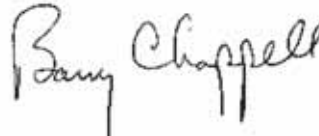
The Department once again partnered with Service Canada (HRDC) and the Youth Development Centre for the third straight year and developed a Youth In Bloom program which allowed 8 youth and two supervisors within the community to be hired and learn skills such as carpentry, horticulture, tree maintenance, pruning, planting, flower bed planning and various interpersonal and administrative skills. This was an approximately \$125,000 project from the Federal Government and it provided youth in the community 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 first ever Habitat for Humanity home along with the creation of White Cap Drive greenspace, three rest stops, park signs, benches and picnic tables and other woodworking initiatives. The City of Summerside, through this Department, continues to participate in the Communities In Bloom National Project and during the past year the City received 5 Blooms. *People, Plants and Pride* is the theme of the competition and the City continues to strive towards top honors.

Horticultural staff were quite active in tree removal, safety pruning, planting, and tested 41 trees for DED. Nineteen (19) tested positive of which eight (8) were City owned trees. Thirty-three diseased trees were removed and the Department transplanted and planted 25 trees and safety pruned 130 trees plus 22 trees damaged at the West End due to winter weather. Thank you to the Three Oaks Environmental Class who assisted with the pruning of 80 young trees damaged by snow. Various other duties were performed within this area of the Department including construction of park signs, benches and rest stops; construction of two outdoor beach volleyball courts at 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; planting of 400 tulip bulbs; along with installation and maintenance of 64 hanging baskets; and installation and maintenance of flower and plant beds throughout the City. This was year one of a five year City tree planting initiative with 100 native trees planted along City streets.

This Department, through the Public Relations component, is responsible for all news releases, public service announcements and news conferences and will continue to strive to meet the communication priorities and goals set out in the City's Strategic Plan. The construction of Phase 1 of the Wellness Centre is nearing completion with opening scheduled for spring of 2006. Construction began on Phase 2 of the project which included the demolition of Steele Arena and the Bowling Lanes in October of 2005.

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. I look forward to working with you during 2006 – 2007.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Barry Chappell  
Chair of the Recreation & Public Relations Committee

*Annual Report*  
*Department of Technical Services*  
*Councillor Paul Power*  
*December 31, 2005*

It is with pleasure that I present this report to the citizens of Summerside on behalf of the Technical Services Committee for 2005. It was a very busy year for the Department with building permits issued totaling \$29.7 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. Twelve historic properties/buildings were approved for heritage designation in 2005. The Official Plan was updated and presented to Planning Committee this fall. The update contains recommendations for changes in a number of Council Policies. The Plan is currently under review by the Committee and will be finalized in 2006. In addition, the draft secondary plan for recreation and green space was tabled at Planning Committee and will be finalized in 2006. 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 36 single-family residential building lots in Gavin Estates at Burkeshire Drive extension; 25 single-family residential building lots in Wilmot Estates at Gillespie Avenue extension; preliminary approval for 20 single-family residential building lots in Linwood Farms at Greenwood Drive; and 7 residential lots at Jennifer Street. The new Sobey's store development included the realignment of Ryan Street with a new intersection at Ryan/Granville/Pope Road. 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. Numerous 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 2005 has resulted in 223 building permits issued for the year with an estimated construction value of \$ 29.7 million dollars. Construction for the year has seen 46 new residential housing units starts , 5 new commercial starts , 23 additions/ alterations to existing commercial buildings and 52 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 to give all involved ample time for review and understanding. The Building Officer/Fire Inspector has completed approximately 475 inspections this year relating to both fire and building related inspections.

Work for the City's Electric Utility included managing and negotiating contracts with NB Power, Maritime Electric and Emera Energy. Other assistance to the 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 initiated 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 Wellness Centre, a 25 lot subdivision at Gillespie Avenue, the new Sobey's store, Harbour Terrace, the Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade and the Toyota Dealership facility. Major capital projects for the year included the new fuel tanks to replace the aging 65,000 gallon storage tank, new sectionalizers, installation of a meteorological tower, and replacing an aging recloser.. 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 1/3 complete.

In the information technology sector, the City servers were upgraded with new virus protection, e-mail spam filtering, enlarged storage capability, and two new servers to expand information services to the public and employees. The fibre network was extended to include the new Lefurgey Cultural Centre and new network switches were installed to make the system more secure and faster. Webcams at the Summerside Wellness Centre and on City Hall continue broadcasting video out to the world wide web. New traffic lights were installed in November at the intersections of Central and Pope as well as Granville and Pope. New accessible audible pedestrian signals were installed at the intersection of Central and Water Streets to assist navigation of the intersection for the visually challenged. Ryan Street Realignment Project involved moving the Ryan St to align with Pope Ave. This project included street construction, underground infrastructure, concrete curbing, and concrete sidewalk. Water and Sewer Capital Projects carried out in 2005 included the replacement of water and sewer mains on Arcona St, the replacement of the water main on Pope Road and the elimination of dead end water mains on Weeks Dr. and Lily Cres. The Standpipe construction was completed and the new standpipe was put into service in September. Design of the Summerside Water Pollution Control Center Upgrade continued with 65% plans being reviewed in August and 95% plans reviewed in December. The project is scheduled to go to tender in January for spring 2006 construction.

Approximately 5.7 km of streets were resurfaced. The City also constructed approximately 2.3 km of new and replacement of (existing) deteriorated sidewalks. Ditch infilling was performed on Bayview Dr. and Ryan St., 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 utilized the Land Development Office software for all its Planning and Development applications. Staff worked with software consultants in 2005 to make further improvements to the software. Staff continued to add more data to the GIS and mapped a schematic of the storm drainage system, which is preliminary and will require a verification process. The utility pole locations were also added to the GIS and a pole database is being carried out. The water and sewer systems schematics were updated and will require a verification process. Staff will verify the updates in early 2006 and will post the data to the server once verification is complete. 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.

In closing, I 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 2006.

Respectfully Submitted



Councillor Paul Power  
Chair of the Technical Services Committee

*Annual Report  
of  
Terry Murphy, C.A.O.  
December 31, 2005*

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

On behalf of the 175 full time and part time employees of the City of Summerside - police officers, snowplow operators, plant operators, development staff, building inspectors, arena operators, firefighters and many more - I am proud to present the City of Summerside's 2005 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. You will learn how each City department and division has worked hard to make Summerside a stronger and better place to work and live.

You will see that this Annual Report contains the kind of information that appears in the annual report for any major corporation, such as the City's 2005 audited financial statements, which are an overview of City financial activities over a year, showing how revenues were generated and how the revenues were spent. In many ways, the City of Summerside operates in the same ways as any corporation. It pays its employees, purchases supplies, provides and contracts services and acquires assets. These activities, in turn, support local business and generate revenue to the provincial and federal governments. The impacts of the City's business activities are far reaching. In 2005, for example, the City purchased over twelve million dollars worth of goods and services from our regional vendors. As a major employer and operator of different City services, the City has a major impact on the economy of Summerside and surrounding area.

However, the City of Summerside is more than just a corporation. First and foremost, it is a government that provides many of the services citizens count on in their daily lives. So, although this Annual Report is about dollars and cents, about corporate accountability and about the responsible stewardship of public funds, it is also about these services.

In private sector annual reports, companies will report on their different business lines, financial performance and position. The City of Summerside has 94 different business lines - like energy supply, emergency services, libraries, parks and recreation, roads, building permits and tourism. Behind each dollar spent is a different public service, and behind each public service is a team of dedicated professionals delivering that service. The City of Summerside's 2005 Annual Report provides a snapshot of the City's services and activities. The people who work at the City of Summerside care about the work and the services they provide to the public. The information on these pages reflects that care, and I hope that it provides you with a good understanding of what the City did in 2005 and where we are going in 2006. I welcome your feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact my office directly if you have any questions.

Whether it is the simple act of turning on your tap for water, driving down a local street, taking your child to a play field or skating rink, looking at our award-winning website, or watching emergency response personnel on the job, these are parts of your local government at work. Our elected officials represent you and bring a sense of what is important to the community on a wide variety of issues and concerns. The job of the staff is to carry out the directions of Council and deliver local government programs and services to you efficiently and effectively. It is our pleasure to tell you some of the highlights of activity from the past year so that you may understand the array of services we deliver on your behalf. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

In March 2005, City Council approved our operating budget of \$31,355,244 and capital budget of \$3,358,704. The capital budget was used to support a number of technology, public safety, building, roadway, water, street and sidewalk and sewer reconstruction projects. Major infrastructure also continues to be a major focal point of City operations this past year. Phase one of the Wellness Center continued to move forward with a scheduled opening in March of 2006. Unfortunately, a couple of major setbacks including a fire and construction issues delayed the opening dates. Phase two of the facility commenced construction in the fall and has been progressing ahead of schedule. It is expected that this facility will be completed in 2007. We believe that upon completion of this facility the citizens of Summerside and Prince County will have a facility that they will be able to use for the next thirty five years. Many residents and local and regional businesses have made major financial contributions to help make this dream a reality, as did the provincial and federal governments. We also completed the construction of our second water storage facility with funding that was made available through the Canadian Infrastructure Fund Program. The completion of this infrastructure will allow us to remove the original storage facility for a complete overhaul in 2006 with a view for it to have a similar appearance as the one that was completed this past year.

The design and tender packages have been completed for the upgrade of the new solid waste treatment facility. This upgrading of our sewage systems will see 100 percent tertiary treatment to the new facility. It is expected that this project will be going to tender early in 2006 with completion in 2007. The facility will be using the N-Viro process designed to allow biosolids to be recycled. The N-Viro process involves mixing the wastewater sludge with alkaline reagents and then subjecting the mixture to a controlled period of storage, mechanical turning, and accelerated drying. The N-Viro process stabilizes and pasteurizes the wastewater sludge, reduces odors to acceptable levels, immobilizes various toxic components and generates N-Viro Soil, a product which has a granular appearance similar to soil and has multiple commercial uses.

In partnership with four community organisations – Tignish Initiatives, Société de développement de la Baie Acadienne, Central Development Corporation and KenNet – we secured federal funding from Industry Canada and ACOA to expand the Summerside Community Network, now renamed Route 2, from North Cape to Brackley. Just as decades ago, the City of Summerside provided electricity to western PEI, we are now working with surrounding communities to make available the huge economic development benefits of high speed internet to rural areas. Hundreds of homes and dozens of businesses are already connected to the 20 main network access points. Over the next year, several dozen additional relays will be installed.

We were proud and pleased to reopen the Lefurgey Centre after it was gutted by fire. Further, many citizens rediscovered the downtown last summer with its beach, promenades, walking tours of historic sites and waterfront entertainment. Together with exciting plans for the Waterfront Mall and the Journal Pioneer Building, it is a great story of revitalisation and rediscovery of many of our most wonderful and historic assets.

These are only a few of the many highlights and accomplishments featured in this report. The departmental reports will allow you to learn more about how City departments have ensured that Summerside continues to be a great place to live, work and visit. Our mandate is to provide these services in a fiscally responsible manner, with a clear vision of the future. We commit to you that we will continue fulfilling this important mandate and maintain Summerside's position as "PEI's Rising Star".

In conclusion, the City of Summerside staff is pleased to be an integral part of the community and is eager to assist in helping our progressive City realize its full potential. We appreciate your continued support and interest. On behalf of all City staff, I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their support over this past year and we look forward to working with you, the citizens, and City Council in 2006.

Respectfully Submitted



Terry Murphy  
Chief Administrative Officer

# Highlights

# *“The Mayor’s Medal of Honor”*

*Presented by the City of Summerside*

*to*

*Dr. Sheldon Cameron*

*October 11, 2005*



*Dr. Sheldon Cameron and Mayor Basil Stewart*

# *“Wendy’s Volunteer of the Year”*

*Presented by the City of Summerside*

*to*

*Stewart Arkwell*



*Mayor Basil Stewart, Jim Veinotte & Stewart Arkwell*

*“The Mayor’s Good Neighbour Award”*

*Presented by the City of Summerside*

*in Memory of Her Worship the late Francis O. Perry*

*to*

*Doug MacLean*

*April 1, 2005*



*Bruce Kickey [Accepting on Behalf of MacLean], Lloyd Gallant,  
Mayor Basil Stewart & Katherine Wiley*

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

*Presented by the City of Summerside*

*to*

*Meagan MacDonald*

*July 1, 2005*



*Meagan MacDonald & Sue Rogers*

# *“Junior Mayor & Council”*



*Junior Mayor  
Brett Carragher*

*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*

*Maison Magill  
Sarah Bulman  
Marcus MacLean  
Winston Gallant  
Allison Walker  
Justin Richard  
Jonathan Waugh  
Mike Hardy*

*Report to the City of Summerside  
Mayor & Council  
From  
The Junior Mayor & Council  
2005*

Good evening. My name is Brett Carragher and I served as junior mayor on February 1, 2005. I am here this evening along with fellow junior councilors to present to you this report on our day. To begin with I would like to thank his worship, Mayor Stewart and 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 very interesting and important program. Our day as Junior Mayor and council was filled with interesting and educational activities. We thoroughly enjoyed our tour of the city and its many fascinating departments. 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 informative. We enjoyed being talked to and treated as adults by everyone that day. We agreed at the debriefing session that the day went very smoothly. We had all been a little uncertain as to what would be expected of us. However, from the moment we arrived at City Hall we were made to feel at ease. The swearing in ceremony was a definite highlight. We enjoyed the formality and seriousness to which it was presented.

For Economic Development Services we went to the Wyatt Heritage Houses and had a tour of one of the main 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. We also had a tour of the hooked rug display, which was engaging as we learned about the homestead that formally occupied the land Summerside Intermediate School is located on. Overall we found the Economic Development tour to be very educational. The tour of Municipal Services was informative. We learned a lot about how the engines work and were fortunate to be able to see one started up. It was very loud! Following this demonstration we headed across the street to view the equipment Summerside uses to keep the city clean and in good condition.

Fire Services was a fun and exciting tour. The station was clean and well kept. We enjoyed the opportunity of being shown some of the latest technology and advancements in fire safety. We also were enthusiastic about riding in the fire trucks. We were surprised to learn that Summerside has only one full-time employee and many very dedicated volunteers. We also learned that a new pumper tanker for Station 2 would be an invaluable piece of equipment. During the wonderful presentation of the Technical Services, we had the opportunity to view a slide show focusing on the construction of the new Wellness Center. It was delightful to gain the knowledge of how our city will be in a few years once this facility is complete. We also learned about the web cameras that are located in the city to provide up-to-date pictures of Summerside to web viewers. It was interesting to learn that Summerside has an emergency response team that discusses emergency scenarios that may effect our area.

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" and using the microphones to communicate with each other! The Police Station was a highlight of the day. During our tour of the police station we processed a lot of interesting and informative information. We were shown tons of interesting rooms and items. We learned about forensic science and how "dirty" our clothes really are! Also we had fun seeing how fingerprints are lifted and processed from an object. Recreation and Public Relations was fun. We were able to view the outside of the new Wellness Center and gain an understanding of where the future rinks and bowling alleys will be located. As well, we learned how the ice is made for the rinks and how the bowling lanes work. 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, we would like to see green space for some of the inner-city schools that are lacking these areas. The Junior council believes this green space will add to the education and development of these students. Also, Generation XX is in need of revamping. It is well used and becoming run down and we feel a new improved facility could attract and host skateboarding competitions which would benefit the city's revenue. And of course as previously mentioned, a new pumper tanker for station 2! All in all the day was a huge success. We would like to thank Brian for organizing this, and spending the day with us. We realize that there is a lot to see in one day and would like to suggest that the swearing in ceremony take place the evening before. This would allow for not only more time to experience the various departments of our city but as well, provide a more convenient time for parents and councilors to attend.

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.

Junior Mayor and Council 2005



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to*

*Ted Cross*

*July 1, 2005*



*Derek Key & Ted Cross*

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1995	Kenneth MacEwen
1996	Thomas LeBlanc Thomas Martin
1997	Ellsworth Campbell Claude Gaudet Gordon Grady Geraldine Grant Nelson Johnston Roy Laughlin
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*

