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## Trails & Environment Knews

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### Traverse Gardens/Town of Torbay Property Beautification Awards

Properties were judged on:

- Tidiness
- Floral display
- General property appearance



This year's award recipients are:

#### Residential:

**1st Place:** Sean & Ester Butler, Piperstock Hill

#### Honorable Mentions:

George & Wanda Byrne	Patrick's Path
Ron & Brenda Dunphy	Dunphy's Lane
Kevin & Joan Joy	Garden Road
Judy Lockyer	Torbay Road
Joe & Sandy Molloy	Windgap Road
Wayne & Renee Molloy	Tandemview Road
Jim & Dallas Power	Torbay Road
Ralph & Joanne Tapper	Torbay Road
Norval & Claire Thorne	Charles Lane

**Commercial:** MetalWorld, Torbay Road

The annual property awards were a great success again this summer (20 residential entries!). Awards were presented at the Kinsmen Centre on August 22nd. The winner of a random draw for a \$100 Home Green Up gift certificate from the Conservation Corps was Rosalind Chafe. This certificate will provide a friendly home assessment - inside and out - that will help reduce energy and water usage, improve home comfort and save money. Thanks to all of the local businesses who provided prizes and to all of the property owners for maintaining such beautiful gardens!

### Generous Sponsors

Traverse Gardens	Town of Torbay
Coady's Eatery	Madeline Florent
Weed Free Lawn	Caul's Funeral Home
M&M Sales	Kent Building Supplies
Harvey Codner Brokerage	Mary Brown's
District Drugs	Yetman's Foodland
Torbay Family Hair Care	Dominion (Cabot Square)
Videoplex	Sobey's (Howley Estates)
Conservation Corps	The Head Room

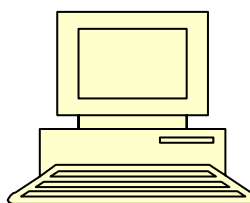
### Nova Recycling

The TETC has opened an account with Nova Recycling off Portugal Cove Road. Bring your recyclables to Nova and request that the TETC receive the refund. We will use the proceeds to help finance our Gully Project (see Gully article). In the winter, we will have a community recycling day when you can bring recyclables to the Nova truck at the Town Hall. Watch the town sign for the date.



### New website

We are happy to announce our website at [www.torbay-enviro.ca](http://www.torbay-enviro.ca), which offers information about the TETC, planned activities, current projects, a map of the Father Troy Trail, and links to local sites of interest. Please visit our site to learn more!



### E-mail Address

The TETC now has an e-mail address, which is [tetc@nf.aibn.com](mailto:tetc@nf.aibn.com). If you would like to be included in our mailing list for meeting agendas, minutes, announcements, schedule of hikes, etc., please send us an e-mail.

### Trail's End Update

The former Trail's End site off Indian Meal Line has been re-zoned to 'Residential Large Lot' and purchased by a developer. However, the town has preserved a minimum 30-m buffer around the developed portion of Western Island Pond, which has been identified as one of three 'critical wetlands' in Torbay. The buffer zone for the rest of the pond is now even greater (75 to 150 m) so a larger section of this important wetland is therefore protected. Torbay residents can look forward to continued access to the pond and walking trails in the area.

## **Walk with Us**



Over the past few months the TETC has sponsored several interesting walks in Torbay. On Canada Day, we walked from the beach to Tapper's Cove along the Father Troy Trail for the first annual Mayor's Walk. Bob Codner and Ross Traverse provided interesting historical and horticultural interpretation. In

August, we hiked over Moon Pond Ridge and had a nice mug-up. Sandeman's cider hit the spot as we sat and enjoyed the view over Torbay and Flatrock. In October, we explored from South Pond to Western Island Pond and Ross Traverse organized the boil-up. The TETC assisted Darcy Maynard and her committee in organizing a walk along the Father Troy Trail on October 8 in memory of long-time resident Pat McGrath. The walk raised over \$7200 for the Canadian Cancer Society and will likely become an annual event. Watch our website for information on future walks. We'd love to have you walk with us!

## **The Gully Wetlands "Wonderland not Wasteland"**



On September 24, the TETC presented its Strategic Plan for the Gully to Council. The document, which is the result of extensive community consultations, divides plans for the Gully into 3 phases: year 1 includes preservation activities, education and community awareness; year 2, a walking trail, outdoor classroom and duck blinds; year 3, an interpretation centre.

On October 1, the TETC submitted a funding proposal to Environment Canada under its ECOAction program for a project that would cover year 1. The budget for this project is over \$100,000 and is based on 50/50 cost-sharing with Environment Canada.

The TETC welcomes the help of any individuals who are interested in the Gully project. We will undertake fundraising efforts in the next few months. We are pleased to report that \$1,000 has already been donated by a resident of our community. Anyone wishing to support these efforts through donations should contact a committee member. Donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued.

## **Waste Management**

As you may recall, TETC submitted a proposal in late 1999 to the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB) for funding under the provincial government's Waste Management Trust Fund. Our proposed waste management initiative involved a recycling program (which involved weekly, curbside pickup of recyclables at all homes and businesses in Torbay), a public awareness campaign, and a community cleanup program. Funding of approximately \$120,000 was sought.

About \$22,000 was actually obtained, dedicated to only community cleanup. A number of students were employed during the summer of 2000 to collect trash and other waste materials throughout the town. (You may have noticed that Torbay was particularly tidy that summer!) Unfortunately, our funding request for recycling and public awareness was turned down. After trying for some time to get answers as to why this was so, MMSB recently informed us that their decision was a reflection of a shift in their thinking after receiving proposals from numerous community groups and organizations. They decided to only fund two communities, Paradise and Conception Bay South, for their "pilot recycling projects" with the hope that these could provide useful models for recycling initiatives in the future. These projects are to be reported on this autumn.

Last March, the Speech from the Throne identified government's intent to address waste management issues in the province. A waste management advisory committee was established that consulted, during the summer, with people throughout the province seeking their views, ideas, and information on present and future waste management practices. This process is intended to help develop a provincial waste management strategy, which Torbay could certainly benefit from in the future.

## **Torbay Guide to Hiking Trails**

The TETC will soon be developing a guide to hiking trails and footpaths within Torbay. We would like this guide to be an informative, comprehensive inventory of all trails within our community. It will include a map and hopefully provide historical information on some of the old paths and roads that were used in the past. Anyone with information who wishes to provide input on this project is encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. For those who cannot attend but wish to contribute to this effort, please e-mail us at [tetc@nf.aibn.com](mailto:tetc@nf.aibn.com) or call one of the TETC officers (listed above). Thanks for your help!

## **Get involved**

The TETC meets at the Kinsmen Centre on Bauline Line on the last Wednesday of each month (except December and July) at 8:15 pm. New members are always welcome.