

# THE LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

St. Peter's Harbour  
Lighthouse Society



## Hi again folks !

Welcome to the second annual edition of the Lighthouse News, the voice of the SPHLS, the community group for ownership and restoration of the lighthouse at St. Peters Harbour. Hope this finds you kicking up your heels and enjoying the summer, particularly after the crazy snowfall of this winter !!!

## What's going on with the Lighthouse ?

In the last few weeks, many of you have been asking for updates on the cause.

In summary, we have delayed this year's News until now ..... as there has been little to report since our successful work last year ( including application to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in July, and subsequent AGM in late August ).

So over the fall and winter, basically we have been waiting patiently on the government.

The DFO has been evaluating budget capabilities for their grant program and prioritizing lighthouse groups for divestiture (over 150 applicants across the country).

During this period, Tom Moore met with Carol Livingstone of the PEI Lighthouse Society at West Point ( Carol being a well respected voice to the DFO in Ottawa). They discussed the Heritage Lighthouse restoration program in general, as well as our own application. Carol also gave Tom a tour of the wonderful West Point Lighthouse. Later in the fall, our interests on the Hill were forwarded by Lawrence MacAuley, MP for Cardigan East. And of added



*Tom Moore with Carol Livingston at West Point : Fall 2014*

interest, we received a promising acknowledgement direct from the office of Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Finally, in the spring, rumblings started to come from DFO staff... we were in good shape.

*If you are unfamiliar with who we are and the quest for community restoration of the lighthouse at St. Peters Harbour, click on material found on our website :*

[www.stpetersharbourlighthouse.com](http://www.stpetersharbourlighthouse.com)

## **Now for the GREAT NEWS !**

In June it was confirmed that the St. Peters Harbour lighthouse has made the DFO priority list for divestiture and restoration grant in 2016 ....and possibly as early as next April !!!

And in a recent issue of the Guardian, you may have read similar good news concerning the Point Prim lighthouse. Point Prim is among other lighthouses, PEI and nationwide, that are slated for divestiture this year ( 20 annually anticipated ) .

As these lighthouses were ahead of us in the queue, we are delighted that the process is working , and that we are shortly behind !!

*with a bit of luck.... our lighthouse will be under restoration by this time next year !!!!*

## **The Latest**



*Reviewing SPHLS incorporation at recent meeting  
(from left to right: Syd Freiman, Tom Moore, Tim Phelan, Gail Rice, Doug Milligan)*

In the last two weeks we received draft agreements and schedule for both our purchase and restoration grant. Naturally there is much ahead....final negotiations, legal work, sub approvals, etc. etc. With this type of transaction, several months are required to wrap things up. But things look very positive indeed.

As a result, last week the SPHLS completed articles of incorporation as required for ownership. Thanks to Ewan Clark of Cox and Palmer ( and Morell ) for his legal guidance and prompt assistance.

It will submit now for Charitable Donation Status from Revenue Canada. This should be in place for the new year : an advantage for tax savings during construction, as well as annual fundraising in the future. Michelle Burge of MRSB ( also Morell ) will help us out on this one.



*St. Peters Harbour lighthouse circa 1900*

## **How's the membership coming ?**

Since last fall, the St. Peters Harbour Lighthouse Society has grown to over 50 members. Happy to report our members are from all parts of our community, as well as from away. And we are delighted to have seven Silver Shingle ( Lifetime ) Members, including our first corporate member, the Morell Credit Union.

Without this membership and their contributions, our venture would have not been able to get off the ground. And while we still wait for certainty, we appreciate those sharing the risk. As a reminder, all members prior to ownership will be Founders of the SPHLS, and find their names on a beautiful wall plaque commemorating the restoration of the lighthouse.

***Thanks to all for your trust and generous support !!!!***

## **What's up for this summer ?**

### **• more fundraising !**

continuing requirements : next up our yearly costs .... property insurance, accounting, production of a handsome retail line ( t shirts, sweaters, memorabilia ) , regular maintenance etc. etc.

### **• celebration planning !**

organizing a fun event for next summer... we hope a restoration “ ground breaking “ ceremony ( perhaps the first annual beach party celebrating our lighthouse, beach and community.... and thinking a new part of the Morell River Run Festival )

### **• historical research !**

documenting the fascinating history of the lighthouse, its' harbour and community...we are aware there is so much out there..... photos , maps, aerial surveys, construction plans, and of course, personal stories and memories.

### **• more volunteers !**

participating in the SPHLS does mean a wee bit of time, but here at the SPHLS we are enjoying a very worthy project ( not the least of which is learning about our community and meeting so many interesting folks ) ... so feel free to give us a call, talk to another member .... and find a spot that interests you... don't hesitate to join in !!!



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our second Annual General Meeting will be in late August. At that time, we will review further progress towards our ownership, restoration grant and community activity. The AGM is open to the public. We welcome your participation. Refreshments will be served.

*Look for our poster announcement. See you there !!!!*

**DATE:** Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 6 : 00 pm ( *doors open* )  
7 : 00 – 8 :30 pm ( *meeting* )

**LOCATION:** Rossiter Park Shelter, Morell

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