

Park Pioneer recognized (concluded)

Award winners in each of five categories receive a \$1000 honourarium from the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board to be used to continue their environmental project or donated in their name to an environmental organization or cause.

Winners are recognized on a provincial level for their accomplishments at the annual Environmental Awards Ceremony during Environment Week, held this year from June 1 - 7, 2008.

The Environmental Awards are a joint initiative of the Provincial Department of Environment and Conservation, the MMSB,

and the Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes.

Mr. Manning came to the province in the early 1960s to oversee the construction of the then named Confederation Park for the Provincial Government.

The park grew into 3,400 acres and became the C. A. Pippy Park with institutional, recreational and open spaces right in the heart of the city of St. John's.

Throughout the years, Mr. Manning has been a dedicated and stalwart supporter of the park. He has served as a director of the Friends of Pippy Park, a non-government organization, and he currently

volunteers as their secretary.

He has always been active in environmental stewardship and is well-known amongst the protected areas community as a clear-minded sounding board for new initiatives and strategies to protect our environment.

His contributions to our environment are numerous.

An innovative administrator and planner, his expertise has resulted in the establishment of a Provincial Capital Commission similar to the ones in Ottawa and Regina. He has participated in a number of committees formed by all levels of government to manage

natural features and to establish policies for their protection. He has also shown himself to be a selfless volunteer, involved in many groups and organizations, dedicated to the conservation and protection of nature. His keen interest and expertise in the identification of botanical plants have led to the identification of rare vegetation species.

Mr. Manning, through his dedication, has acted as a mentor to several generations of environmentalists and park specialists.



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Park Pioneer recognized with Provincial Award

Pippy Park's Mike Manning wins 2008 Provincial Environmental Award

On June 2nd, the Minister of Environment and Conservation presented Mike Manning with the 2008 Environmental Award at a luncheon ceremony held at the Battery Hotel in St. John's.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards are awarded for outstanding conservation efforts and contributions to sustaining, protecting, and enhancing Newfoundland and Labrador's environment.

The awards program is one way to formally thank and recognize people for their outstanding efforts. The awards luncheon and presentation are a public acknowledgment of the initiative, dedication, and hard work that individuals, communities, schools, and organizations have put into caring for our environment and the wise use of our natural heritage.

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Environment and Conservation Minister the Honourable Charlene Johnson presents Mike Manning with the 2008 Environmental Award, Individual Achievement Category.. Mike generously donated his \$1000 honorarium to the Friends of Pippy Park to help continue the Friends' important work in support of Pippy Park.

Photo: Department of Environment and Conservation



Pippy Park: Celebrates 40 Years

You will notice that in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Pippy Park Commission Act (1968), a variety of banners, decals and souvenirs are being distributed around Pippy Park.

Be sure to pick up yours at locations and events throughout the Park this summer!

Celebrate Pippy Park this summer!

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INFORMATION AND EVENTS

JULY - AUGUST, 2008

ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE

Box Office Phone 729-3200, Fax 729-0247
<http://stjohns.artsandculturecentre.ca/main.asp>

❖ August 3rd - 7th:

North Atlantic Fiddle Convention

A. C. HUNTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

at the Arts and Culture Centre, Phone 737-2133/3950
 Website www.nlpl.ca/libraries/library.php?site_id=sjh

CENTRE SCOLAIRE ET COMMUNAUTAIRE DES GRANDS-VENTS

(French School and Community Centre),
 65, Ridge Road, Phone :726-4900
 French- language resources, activities and events.
 website www.acfsj.ca

NRC INSTITUTE FOR OCEAN TECHNOLOGY

Arctic Avenue (MUN campus, next to Engineering)
 Summer Tours are available. To arrange a tour, contact Adam Janes, Summer Tour Coordinator at 772-4366, or by e-mail: adam.janes@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

THE WORKS

Aquarena, Field House and other recreation facilities
 17 Westerland Road. Phone 737-3799
 website www.theworksonline.ca

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN

306 Mt. Scio Road. Phone 737-8590
 For a full summer's programme of activities visit their website www.mun.ca/botgarden

"THE TEA ROOM AT THE GARDEN" is open 10 am-5 pm, 7 days a week. Cream Teas served between 2.30 and 4.30 pm.

FLUVARIVM

Nagles Place. Phone 754-3474 for information on hours and programmes, or visit their website www.fluvarium.ca

"THE DECK" is open weekdays 11am - 3pm and offers coffee, soup, salad, sandwiches, wraps, desserts.

ELAINE DOBBIN CENTRE FOR AUTISM

70, Clinch Crescent (across from the Janeway)

"THE PANTRY" AT SHAMROCK FARM is open Mon-Fri. 10 am-4pm for reservations call 722-8200.

Ask about the availability of the Conference Room or Board Room.



One of the many attractions of Pippy Park Summerfest - Summerdance 2008 was the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's Mounted Unit.

Surrounded by some of their many admirers are (left to right) Constable Jason Coombs on "Fraize" and Constable George Horan on "Townsend".

Photo: Shirley Newhook, Pippy Park Promotions Committee



ACTIVITIES IN PIPPY PARK

Canada Day at Pippy Park Campgrounds

For the month of May our visitor statistics were well up over last year, however they were down a bit in June, probably because of the weather. The staff found it particularly encouraging to get so many compliments both on their friendly service and on St. John's as a whole!

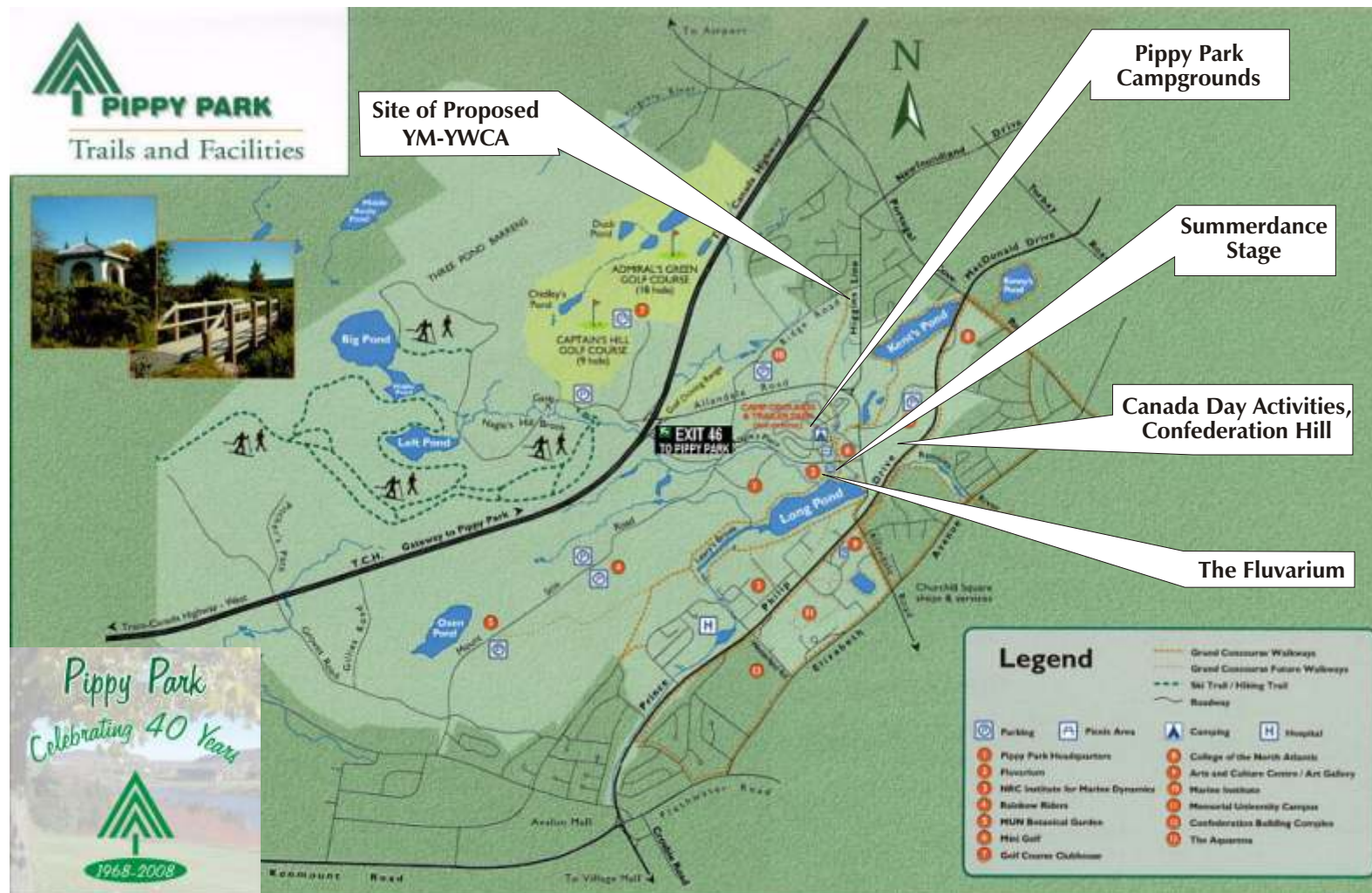
The Campgrounds celebrated Canada Day with their usual children's activities including a decorated Bike Rodeo, a barbecue, games and a particular favourite, rock painting! Two children won bicycles sponsored by Coleman's and they all had a good time.



Wildlife Sightings Some Stay Free!



Spotted recently at the Campgrounds, a family of Yellow Shafted Flickers (woodpeckers) has set up a home in the Pippy Park Campgrounds for the summer. A young moose also dropped in the other morning to visit!



YM-YWCA of Northeast Avalon

Public Briefing Session held on Proposed New 'Family Y'



Local residents were invited to attend a briefing on the plans for the new Family "Y" facility to be built on the corner of Ridge Road and Higgins Line. The YM-YWCA of the Northeast Avalon hope to start construction on the 4.5 acre site late this year once all funding is in place. The new Y will house much of what they have in the current St. John's Y at 34 New Cove Road (which it will replace), plus an aquatics centre, employment and enterprise centre and a 120 space child care centre.

The building and parking lots are to be set back from the corner and well screened with trees. While extra traffic is anticipated it is not expected to cause a major problem. Most of the local residents were pleased with what was proposed.



Graphics: YM-YWCA of Northeast Avalon

Summerfest and Summerdance 2008 Summer Super!



The special Anniversary Summerfest '08 is was held July 26th and 27th. There was dancing, games and refreshments near the Fluvarium. The mounted RNC were there and the Kayak Club (KayakNL) had activities for children and a barbecue at the North Bank Lodge. Lots of fun for everyone!!

New Programs at The Fluvarium

Mini programs are a new initiative for 2008, where every ½ hour, visitors will be exposed to a variety of topics in a smaller setting. Topics being addressed include:

- ❖ **THE THREE R's:** Learn how to keep our planet Green.
- ❖ **FISH IS FISH:** Introduction to the anatomy of a Fish.
- ❖ **MARSH METAPHORS:** Discover the importance of a marsh.
- ❖ **AMAZING AMPHIBIANS:** Explore the life of frogs and toads
- ❖ **INTERESTING INVERTEBRATES:** Learn about the bugs in our waters!
- ❖ **EXPLORING EELS:** Discover the fascinating life of the Eel.

Pippy Park Celebrates Canada Day 2008

Also in Pippy Park was the Canada Day entertainment on Confederation Hill and in the lobby of Confederation Building. The weather cooperated and the performers were excellent.

