



Do You Remember?

Newfoundland Ponies in Pippy Park?

During the summer of 1981, shortly after its formation under University Veterinarian Dr. Andrew Fraser, the Newfoundland Pony Society in partnership with the Pippy Park Commission undertook the construction of a rustic shelter and the fencing of about 15 acres of meadowland on the hillside between Long Pond and Mt. Scio Road.

A breeding herd of about 5 Newfoundland Ponies was established in this field and attracted a lot of attention as they grazed in this idyllic setting. They overwintered successfully in their log shelter, growing thick coats and getting supplementary feeding especially when the ground was snow covered. Their day-to-day welfare was closely monitored by members of the Newfoundland Pony Society. The staff of the Pippy Park Children's Farm, which at the time was located immediately across Mt. Scio Road also played an active role. Most of the ponies were on loan and eventually went back to their owners, however the two or three remaining (including the famous "Queenie") eventually became absorbed into the Children's Farm operation. At least 2 foals were born during that period.



The Commission was proud to have been at least partially responsible for the increased awareness of the plight of this unique Newfoundland Pony and a raised appreciation of this breed's many assets, especially its hardiness and its gentle good nature.



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INFORMATION AND EVENTS

DECEMBER, 2007

ARTS AND CULTURE CENTRE

Box Office Phone 729-3200, Fax 729-0247
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- ❖ **Dec 1st, 2nd:**
OUR DIVAS DO CHRISTMAS
- ❖ **Dec 3rd-5th:**
NLTA Christmas Suite
- ❖ **Dec. 9th:**
St. Lukes Home 7th Annual Christmas Concert
- ❖ **Dec 14th 15th, 16th:**
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- ❖ **Dec 17th, 18th:**
Happy Tree Concert

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UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN

306 Mt. Scio Rd. phone 737-8590
The garden's winter office hours Mon-Fri 9 am to 4 pm.

The gift shop hours are 10am - 3.30 pm Mon-Fri. The Gift Shop will be closed after Dec 21 (a 20% discount on most items is available until then) and re-open Jan 21.

The trails and flower gardens have closed for the season and will re-open May 1st. The conference Room is available for meetings and conferences.

For information on the "**Bloomin' Teapot**" tearoom call 753-8327

For information on events, programmes visit their website www.mun.ca/botgarden

FLUVARIUM

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

ELAINE DOBBIN CENTRE FOR AUTISM

70, Clinch Cres. (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.



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Former Pippy Park Chairperson Remembered

Obituary

Tom Doyle, former Chairperson of the Pippy Park Commission (1984-87) died on Sunday December 9th, 2007.

Tom Doyle always had a keen interest in the great potential for a major tourist industry for the Province, having been Minister of Tourism and later Minister of Recreation and Rehabilitation. He had also been deeply involved in the 1977 Canada Summer Games and headed up the Friends of the 1977 Canada Summer Games Society, which was a vital sponsor for the work project to start construction of the Pippy Park Campgrounds. So when he was appointed Chairman of the Pippy Park Commission in 1984 he had the ideal background and was familiar with all the issues.

During his term as Chairperson he saw a tremendous amount of activity in the park, including the big public debate over the route of the Outer Ring Road, the purchase of the land and the planning for the 18-hole



Tom Doyle (left), Chairperson of Pippy Park, receives a cheque from Doug Eaton (right), President of the Friends of Pippy Park, in 1985 for the purchase of animals for the Children's Farm. Doug Eaton was the founding President of the Friends of Pippy Park in 1984. Dave Howley was Vice-President and M. O. Morgan was the Honorary President. Most people have heard the sad news that Dr. Eaton had also died earlier this year. The Friends are working on plans to recognise him.

Pippy Park Golf Course and the construction of the Fluvarium. The construction of the North Bank Lodge, the expansion of the Children's Animal Farm and the opening of the Transport Museum, both on Mt. Scio Road, took place while he was Chairperson.

The construction of many of the major institutional buildings we see today in

Pippy Park also took place while he was Chairperson. The Provincial Government built and opened the West Block Confederation Complex, the Federal Government opened the Institute for Ocean Technology (known at that time as the Arctic Vessel Marine Research Institute), the University built the Music School and School of Nursing and the

new campus for the Marine Institute was opened during that period.

All the staff at Pippy Park who were associated with him found Tom Doyle a pleasure to work with. He was always ready to listen to anyone who had something to say and there was no greater supporter of Pippy Park and the Pippy Park Commission than Tom Doyle.



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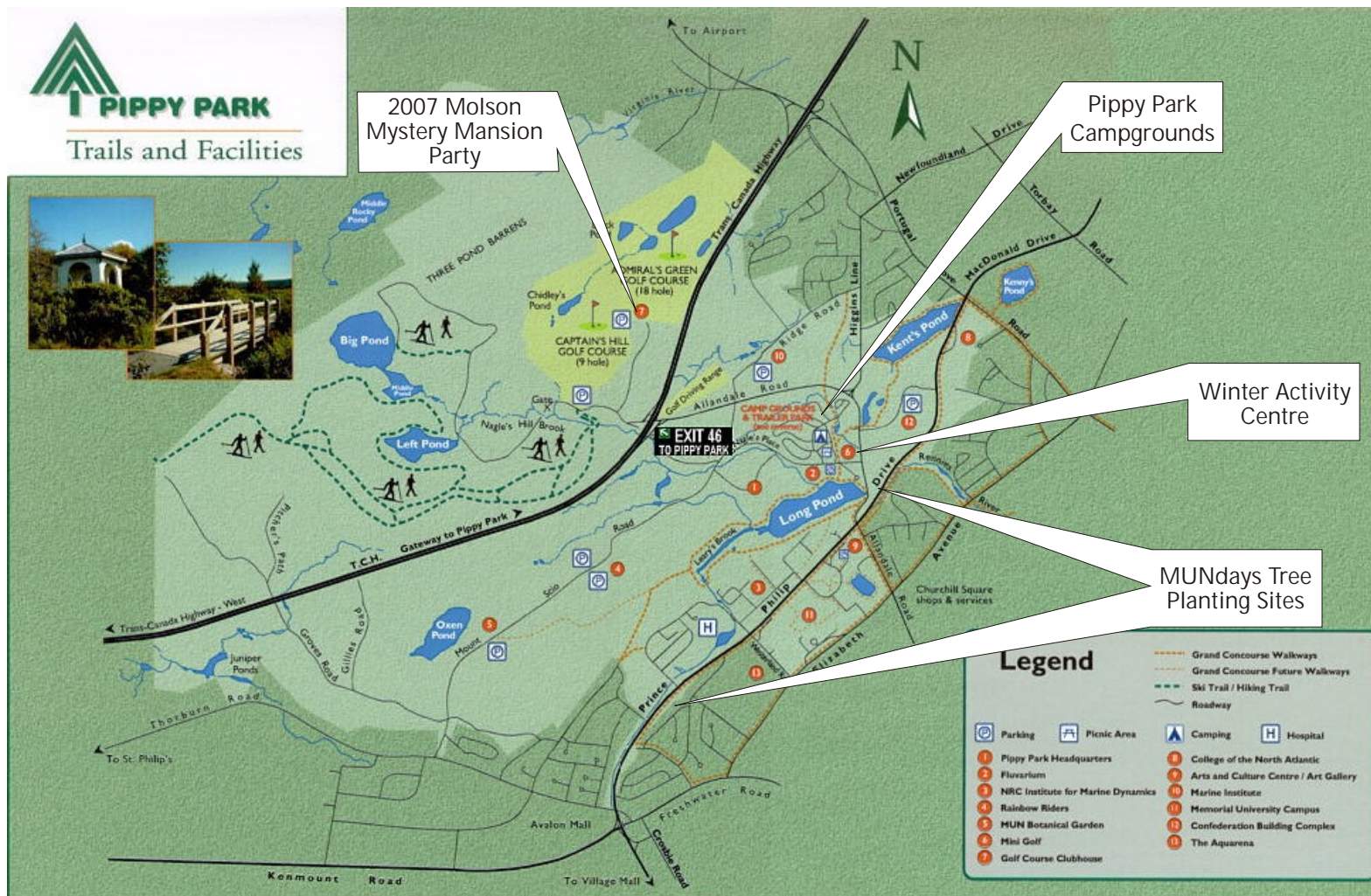


Winter Activity Centre: Ready for the Snow in January!

North Bank Lodge next to the Campgrounds on Nagles Place will be ready for the snow activities again in the New Year. The City Recreation Department is planning to launch the Cross-Country Ski and Snowshoe rental programme as soon as the snow conditions permit. The Nordic Ski club and The Outfitters store are again working with the City and Pippy Park to provide free groomed trails around the sheltered and lighted loops in the campgrounds. The ski and snowshoe rentals will be available January to April on weekends only in the daytime, however if you have your own skis you can ski anytime day or night. Snowshoeing is best done off the groomed trails.

Where was the 2007 Molson Mystery Mansion? In Pippy Park of course!

There was a real party atmosphere at the Admiral's Green Clubhouse a few weeks ago when 100 lucky winners were transported up to the clubhouse for a Molson Mystery Mansion party. From all accounts everyone had a fabulous time; a party that most people only dream of. Food and drink was flowing freely - literally. Free beer flowed down a freshly carved ice sculpture into generous waiting tankards below! Two lucky winners from this party went to an even bigger party at another mystery location.



Award Winning MUNdays Tree Planting



Anyone driving along Prince Philip Drive one Saturday in late October might have been surprised to see 200 students planting trees in the grass at the roadside. Three thousand tree seedlings and two thousand crocus bulbs were planted all in the space of just over 1 hour. This was part of the University's "MUNdays" contribution to the community by student volunteers in conjunction with the Friends of Pippy Park. This is the fourth year for this award winning event and soon the resulting trees will start to make a difference. They will improve the landscape, help reduce snow drifting and absorb some of the carbon dioxide emitted by all the thousands of cars and trucks that use the parkway every day.

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Pippy Park Campgrounds: Record Setting Year for International Destination

The Pippy Park Campgrounds have become an international destination. During the 2007 season there were campers from every province in Canada and from 42 American States. Fifteen other countries were also represented including ten European countries. Other visitors came from countries as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Japan!

The Pippy Park Campgrounds bring in new tourist dollars. A significant proportion of the campers (56%) were from outside our province, mostly

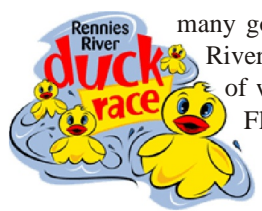
from Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Texas had the next most campers. In fact, Texas and Florida supplied most of the American visitors while Germany and the Netherlands supplied by far the most from Europe.

Overall the Campgrounds had another record breaking season. Total sites booked are up by 50% from 2005 and the new fully serviced "loop 4" which can accommodate the very largest of the new RVs has already boosted the statistics for this past summer even though it wasn't fully operational until well into July.



Quidi Vidi/Rennies River Development Foundation Rubber Duck Race Winners

Here are the winners of the 20th. Great Rennies River Duck Race that was held in September to raise funds for the many good projects of the Quidi Vidi/Rennies River Development Foundation, not the least of which is the operation of the incredible Fluvarium.



They are:-

- First Prize:
Environmentally friendly garden, value \$4,500
Winning duck: "SPEED" owned by Kelly Blidook
- Second Prize:
Photographic landscape art print of the Newfoundland environment, value \$700
Winning duck: "MARCO 1" owned by Chris Hickman
- Third Prize:
Blue Line Power Cost Monitor, value \$150
Winning duck: "FLORECITA" owned by S. Kenny

Friends of Pippy Park Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Pippy Park was incorporated in 1984 as a not-for-profit Society whose purpose is to support Pippy Park and help enrich those who live work or visit Pippy Park. They help publish this newsletter and other material, operate an annual children's gardening programme, help with the Christmas in Pippy Park event at the Rainbow Riders and events such as the Summerfest and Winterfest family fun events.

The Annual General Meeting saw the re-election of Dr. Don Steele as President, Vice-President Steve Garland, Past President Donna Jeffrey, Treasurer and Children's Garden Chairperson Janet Crellin, with Board members Bob Halfyard, Elizabeth Oliver, Raoul Anderson, Karen Herzberg, Cecilia McGruer, Beni Malone, George Worley. Mike Manning continues as volunteer Secretary and Executive Director. Membership is only \$10 and the Society is looking for new members. You can find out more about the "Friends" by visiting the Pippy Park website www.pippypark.com. There is also a membership application that can be printed off and mailed in.