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Pippy Park named one of Canada's Greatest Places

Pippy Park was one of only nine winners in the 'Great Places in Canada' competition. This public competition, sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Planners, sought to find and recognize

Canada's great places. From November, 2010 until March, 2011, Canadians were encouraged to nominate and vote online for their favourite Great Places.

When the nomination and voting period ended, over 4000 nominations in three categories had been made. Based on the votes received,

and the opinions of an expert panel, 26 finalists were selected.

The criteria used by the judging panel was far reaching. The top locations were honoured not only because of their popularity, but also because they exemplify the highest standards of planning. To be judged a winner by the panel of professional planners, the location had to meet certain criteria including:

- › promoting social and economic activities,
- › having a memorable or unique character,
- › having design or architectural features that are visually interesting,
- › meeting different aspects of sustainability,
- › being accessible by different modes of transportation, and
- › reflecting local culture, history, and landscape.

The Winners in each category are:

Great Streets:

1. **Commercial Street**, Nanaimo, BC
2. **Ottawa Street**, Hamilton, ON
3. **Broadway Avenue**, Saskatoon, SK

Great Neighbourhoods:

1. **Le Petit Champlain**, Quebec City, QC

2. **The Hydrostone**, Halifax, NS

3. **Snaw-Naw-As**, Lantzville, BC

Great Public Spaces:

1. **The Forks**, Winnipeg, MB
2. **Evergreen Brick Works**, Toronto, ON
3. **Pippy Park**, St. John's, NL

Thanks to Bob Halfyard, Manager of Park Operations at Pippy Park for nominating the Park, and thanks to all those who voted.

Each winning location will receive a plaque, presented to the local mayor or reeve, and winning nominators will also be awarded. ▲

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'Father of Pippy Park' Departs

Mike Manning leaves after 50 years of building and nurturing Pippy Park

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On May 26th, Michael 'Mike' Manning and his wife Sylvia bid farewell to Newfoundland.

Mike had dedicated his working life, (and also his retirement to date) to the creation and development of Pippy Park.

Mike came to Newfoundland and Labrador at the invitation of Premier J. R. Smallwood in the early 1960s to oversee the construction of the then-named Confederation Park for the Provincial Government. The park would eventually grow to be 3,400 acres in size and be renamed C. A. Pippy Park, with institutional, recreational and open spaces right in the heart of the city of St. John's.

Through the years, Mike has been a dedicated and stalwart supporter of the park. He was a founding member of the Friends of Pippy Park, and as its Executive Director, Mike is both the collective memory of the Friends, and its heart and soul as well. Among his many contributions, he composed the Park's newsletter, *In Pippy Park*; is writing a book on the history of Pippy Park; served on almost every committee in Pippy Park in one way or another; participated in almost every Friends' activity, usually having a hand in organizing most of them. Mike is quite simply irreplaceable.

We wish Mike and Sylvia all the best in their next great life-adventure together.

MUN Botanical Garden wins Major Award for Sustainable Tourism

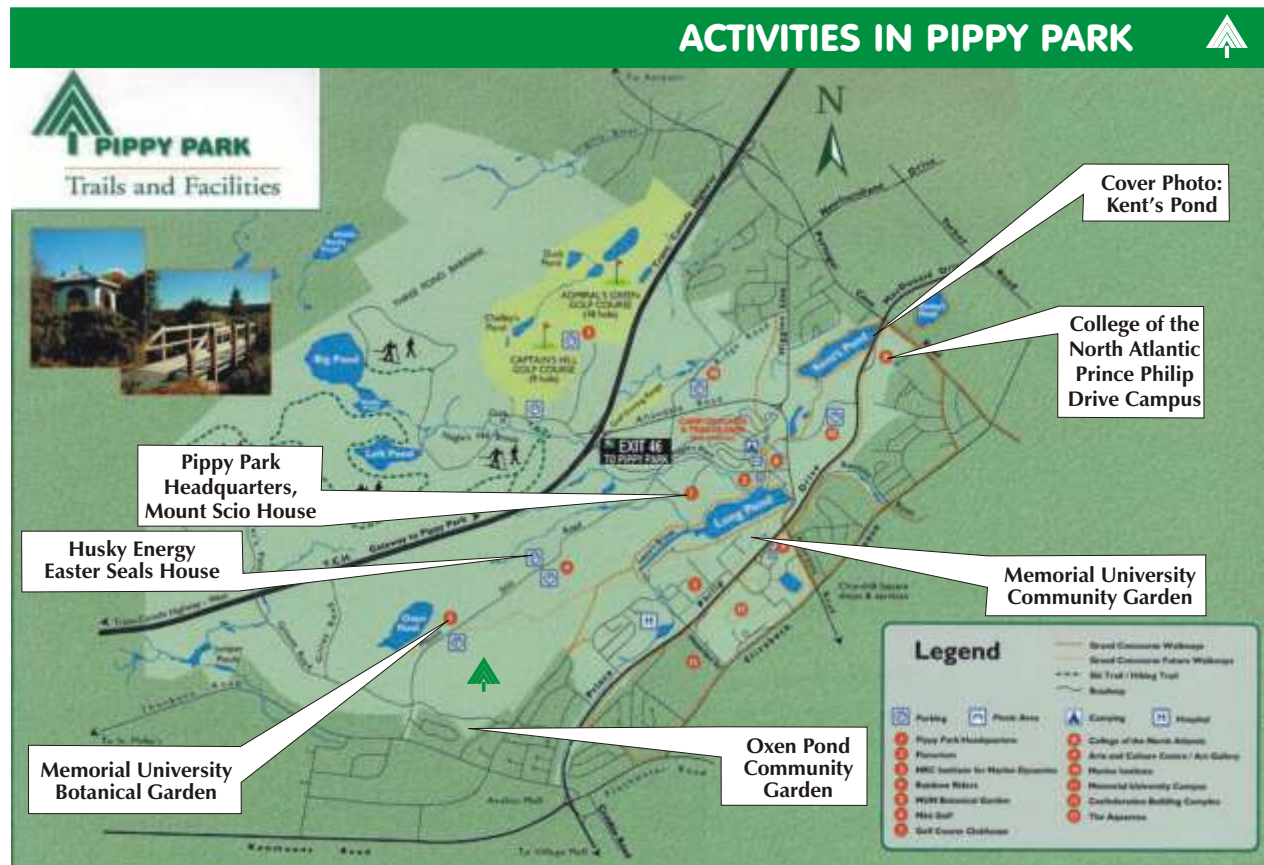


MUN Botanical Garden was awarded the Sustainable Tourism Award during Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador's 2011 Lookout! Tourism Summit.

The Sustainable Tourism Award is presented annually by Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador and Canadian Heritage/Parks Canada to the industry operator who has made strides in sustainable tourism practices and continually works toward the protection of our natural and cultural resources. This award was presented at the Tourism Professional Development Luncheon by Carol Sheedy, Parks Canada. The Awards Committee comprises tourism industry representatives.

Garden Café Reopens at MUN Botanical Garden

The Garden Café is now open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm daily. The Café is under new management and has a fresh, new look. Come in for a bowl of soup and a sandwich, or a cup of tea and a scone with jam and cream. All are made fresh daily. For information or to make a reservation, call Karen at (709) 753-0173.



2011 Pippy Park Spring Lecture: The value of local food

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By Sharon Pippy

Who knew so many people wanted to know more about the value of local food?

About eighty people came to the Pippy Park Public Lecture, "Grown Right Here: The value of local food" at the Rocket Room on Tuesday May 10th where speaker after speaker talked about the joys and challenges of growing food in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Presented by the Pippy Park Heritage Committee and the Friends of Pippy Park, the topic of growing food was driven by a recent Gwyn Dyer lecture when he explained that climate change in our province may actually improve the growing season.

Added to this is a new public awareness that, because we are an island, in the event of transportation



Memorial University students and volunteers work to create Pippy Park's newest community garden on the campus of Memorial University, behind Queens College on the shores of Long Pond. Photo courtesy Memorial University.

failure there are really only 3 or 4 days of fresh food available in the markets.

The evening sun lingered in the Rocket Room's west windows while musician-politician Mark Wilson described his efforts to find farmland in the metropolitan area, and Emily Doyle, recently of FEAST (Food Education Action St. John's) explained how the

Garden and the Children's Gardening Program have developed.

H a z e n S c a r t h showcased the work done to date by the province's Department of Natural Resources, Agrifoods Development Branch, and Kristie Jameson presented some tools available for community development by the Food Security Network.

The evening concluded with a passionate Mike Rabinowitz explaining how he has established his organic farm in Portugal Cove and that finally he has found a tomato that can be grown in this province outside a greenhouse. We were then treated to a sweet and poignant 30 minute film by Mark Wilson featuring some of the farmers in the Rocket Room that night.

One thread uniting these speakers was their expression of need for public land in the metropolitan area to be dedicated for small, organic community-driven farming. This idea of making use of existing farmland or empty city spaces is also being considered by the Pippy Park Commission. It is an age-old question of letting every part of the Park grow over, or try to preserve or conserve some of the social and cultural spaces of the past.





CNA-Prince Philip Drive host of Skills Canada NL's Annual Skilled Career Day



Brick Masonry Demonstration - Those who toured Annual Skilled Career Day events in Pippy Park had the chance to Try-A-Trade®. These students experienced bricklaying and also had the chance to try auto service, carpentry, plumbing, precision machining, painting, decorating, welding and more.



Robotics Competition - An advisor supports students competing in the robotics competition. Gold medallists in Skills Canada Provincial Competitions were offered the opportunity to form Team Newfoundland and Labrador and travel to Quebec City for the National Competition.

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By: Melissa Halford

Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador is a not-for-profit organization that encourages young Canadians to consider careers in skilled trades and technologies.

On April 1st 2011, the Prince Philip Drive Campus of the College of the North Atlantic in Pippy Park was even busier than usual because it was the main venue for Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador's Annual Skilled Career Day and Provincial Competitions.

A wide array of events and activities take place as part of this major day and hundreds of volunteers, competitors, instructors and supporters come



together to ensure its success. Students from across the province come to the Campus in Pippy Park to participate in the Skills Work for Women® Conference, Try-A-Trade®, visit the Career Showcase, tour the events taking place and compete for a position on Team Newfoundland and Labrador.


Although many aspects of Annual Skilled Career Day occur annually, each year's event builds on the last. This year, for example, Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador partnered with Easter Seals NL to deliver its first

photography. Eleven young people with disabilities took part in photography workshops throughout the month of March before competing in the Abilitympic Competition on April 1st.

This year's Partnership Luncheon was also extra special as the Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, Dr. Darin King, announced additional funding to the Apprenticeship Wage Subsidy Program at this event. Skills Canada Newfoundland and Labrador was delighted that the Minister integrated this message with the overall

excitement of Skilled Career Day, which celebrates the great work of skilled trades-people and technologists and the tremendous potential of students and apprentices training in these fields.

The main attractions at Skilled Career Day are the over 32 competitions in trade and technology fields that take place. Over 200 regional finalists competed, with gold as their goal. Gold medallists form team Newfoundland and Labrador and will travel to Quebec City for the Skills Canada National Competition in June.

Best of luck to all competitors! 

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