

## Directors Report Annual Meeting 2019

As you can see from the financial report we had another good year where we took in more than we spent and were able to get a fair bit accomplished. Our checking account at year end had a balance of \$8,299.83 and our GIC account stood at \$30,423.00. Our treasurer Tom McCann resigned during the year and we were pleased that Alice Gowans agreed along with being secretary to complete his term.

- We were able to get summer jobs funding last year through the Federal Government program for 10 weeks. We hired Michael Steele whose parents have a place at Ross Point. It will certainly become a problem maintaining our properties if we can't get some supplementary funding for the season. Fortunately we were approved for eight weeks this year.
- We replaced our back stairs and steps/deck outside the side door and brought them up to code. We hired Roger Chandler, a local contractor to do it and were very pleased with his work. It's not easy to get a good carpenter these days. A cover was purchased and installed over our heat pump. A fence was installed around the boiler at the shore and plans are to put an interpretive panel explaining its history. We researched getting internet access at the wharf with Seaside but when they told us we would need a 75 foot tower that made the cost prohibitive. We were however able to get them to increase the speed at the Hall.
- We resurfaced the parking lot at the Hall with class A gravel and rolled it. It was starting to get pretty rough and rocky, hard on equipment. Unfortunately the first time it was plowed, without any frost in the ground, the gravel ended up in the flower bed, on the grass and at the edge of or in the ditches. The company that did it was the same guy who did the mail boxes last year and I had gotten him to do our lot as well. He hadn't realized when he did it that he had lost the mailbox contract. So we did it ourselves for the rest of the winter. When the snow went it took me about three hours to get most of the gravel back where it should have been.

- We continued last year to sell boat launch passes but numbers were down from 2017. A lot of boaters, probably because of the road, are launching at West Bay or at the top of the lake. New more durable signage explaining the pass requirement has been put up in the launch area.

- The great weather last summer gave us above average income from the beach and bottles.

- Our family weekend was one of the best ever. A good day weather wise new musicians, Linda & Dave Murphy who everyone seemed to enjoy and new people to look after our poker run, Shelley and Barry LeBlanc. As well several of the prize winners donated their winnings back to the community. This is the first time I ever remember us running out of food. The Friday night supper was sold out and realized a profit of over \$1,600.00. The honorary Marble Mountain Villager was given to Nancy and the late John Spencer at the event. Their Foundation established after John's death continues to make a substantial donation to North Mountain each year.

- Communities in Bloom gave us a \$1,000.00 grant again last year and our Activities/Garden club made good use of that. Appreciation is expressed to those hard working members who keep our community looking beautiful.

- We were pleased to make a \$750.00 donation <sup>each</sup> to The Valley Mills and West Bay Road Fire Departments.

This year (to quote Bill) will be a year of need to vs. nice to, in terms of projects, given both limited time and funds. Government money continues to be harder to get. We are very grateful to Inverness County who continues to be a great supporter of our projects. We are planning to repair the beach road using used asphalt, graded and rolled on a warm day. Raymond MacPhail will look after it and cost should be around \$2500. Work needs to be done at the wharf due to erosion over the winter. Charlie Kehoe has agreed to look after it, will need about four yards of concrete

and some wood. Cost is estimated at \$1200.00. The building inspector has suggested we need to put protective posts around our oil tank. It is estimated this would cost \$250.00. The total would be \$4,000.00 and we should be able to get \$3,500.00 from other sources meaning it would cost NMCRA \$500.00.

Plans are in the works for our Family weekend August 9 – 11. We were able to get our musicians from last year, Linda and David Murphy who went over well and Shelly and Barry LeBlanc who did a great job on the poker run.

Bill will be sending out notices for help when we have our set up and take down days.

Thanks to all our hard working members for their commitment to make this community one we call all be proud of.

George Chant  
President