



# Jervis Bay - Ross Memorial Park



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## Jervis Bay-Ross Memorial Park Fund of \$50,000 announced

The Jervis Bay - Ross Memorial Park Committee, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #53 and the Board of Directors of The Greater Saint John Community Foundation announced a new \$50,000 community foundation fund June 10, 2002. It is known as the Jervis Bay-Ross Memorial Park Fund. Local dignitaries from the three levels of government, Legion and Auxiliary members, the Norman Herrington Family and area residents added their support during a wreath-laying for the four Canadian servicemen lost recently in Afghanistan. A linden tree was planted in memory of the late Norman Herrington, past foundation Vice-Chairman, who served with Saint John's Third Field Artillery Regiment (the Loyal Company). The ceremony, believed to be the first in the province to pay tribute to the servicemen, took place at the Jervis Bay-Ross Memorial Park on Loch Lomond Road, the only public park in Saint John East.

The new permanent fund of \$50,000, recently transferred to the Community Foundation, will help ensure the park's continuity. The park committee hopes that the fund will grow over time and that even more local involvement will take place. "It will provide professional financial management of our fund

in perpetuity and annual income back to us to maintain the park" said Matt Flecknell, Park Committee Chairman.

"Anyone can add to this fund anytime" he added. Lino Celeste, Chairman of the Greater Saint John Community Foundation, paid tribute to the many years of

dedicated volunteer service of Mr. Herrington. "We think the tree will be a living reminder of Norm's community spirit. It is fitting that it grow here in a park with a special connection to our community foundation" he stated. He also commended the Legion on taking the initiative to pay tribute to the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan and those who lost their lives recently in that conflict.



Rev. James Ross created a trust in 1942 to establish a park on Loch Lomond Road and Jean Street. The Jervis Bay-Ross Memorial Park became a reality in 1990 thanks to the efforts of a committee of the Jervis Bay Memorial Branch #53 Royal Canadian Legion and the \$50,000 Ross fund. The early Ross Memorial Park Committee members were: William A. Cawley, Frederic J. Gamblin, Ronald C. Harding, Leon Sautiere and John C. Thomas. Legion members Matthew Flecknell, Ron Harding and Dorothy Breen have been the driving force behind this group in recent years.

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The land on which it is situated has been leased for 99 years from the City of Saint John. It has lawns, gardens, fenced ponds & fountains and several walkways. It also has a number of veterans' memorials and artifacts relating to the heroic sinking of the Jervis Bay in the North Atlantic during World War Two with great loss of life to save the accompanying convoy of ships. An annual memorial service is held each year at the park.



Over time, approximately \$300,000 has been spent on developing and maintaining the park. It has enhanced the quality of life for area residents, particularly the handicapped and residents from Loch Lomond Villa. It is the only park in East Saint John. Seniors' groups, air cadets and school children also assist in the planting projects. Funding from the Greater Saint John Community Foundation (two grants of \$3,500 and \$4,000) and The City of Saint John have assisted and will continue to help in enhancing the area as well as develop

a long-term, low-maintenance site plan.

The \$50,000 Fund will be matched by the T.R. Meighen Foundation with a gift of \$25,000 which will go to the Greater Saint John Community Foundation's Common Fund for general charitable purposes.

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation serves as a trustee for charitable, educational and cultural purposes. It administers funds given by public-spirited individuals for the benefit of the people of this area. Since 1976, the foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$7 million. In 2001, it donated in

excess of \$246,000.00 to 56 local charities. Applications from local registered charities are received twice yearly, April 15 and September 30.



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