

The Humber Current



Small Business Week a Success!

From October 17-21, you could feel the entrepreneurial spirit as several small business week events were held around the Zone with the help of local organizations including HEDB, the Greater Corner Brook Board of Trade and Deer Lake Chamber of Commerce. Some events that were held throughout the week included the SmartForce NL sessions, the Fall/Winter Tourism information session and the first-ever Humber Expo Regional Trade Show.

Overall, the week was a success! We would like to say a special thank you to all of the Small Business Week sponsors.

HEDB Hosts Annual General Meeting

The Humber Economic Development Board's AGM on Sept. 27/11 at the Reidville Community Centre was a successful event that celebrated the last 15 years of operations and future economic development initiatives.

The AGM was an excellent networking event and included a special presentation from Alisha Grant regarding the Antigonish Fair Grounds. One critical piece of the AGM was the election of the new Board of Directors. Newcomers Ron O'Connell, Roxanne Abbott, Sean Dolter, Diane Curtis, and Andrew Parsons joined the Board along with returning members Tony Blanchard, Andrea Barrett, Eli Bishop, Glenda Garnier, and R.J. Locke. Tony Blanchard was re-elected as Chair. HEDB respectfully thanks our departing members Alfred Park, Jean Kelly, Marvella Wells, Donna Luther, Arlene Sedlickas and Ruth Story for their hard work and contributions to the Board.

Upcoming Events:

Agricultural Kitchen Table Meeting: There will be an Agricultural Kitchen Table meeting held in January 2012. See our website for updated information.

BSAN Quarterly Meeting: January 2012. See our website for updated information.

Did You Know? HEDB updates its website weekly with news items and local events. Visit www.humber.nf.ca

Merry Christmas from the Board and staff at HEDB!

Business Wings Well Received in Pasadena and Deer Lake

The highly successful program that has developed a large fan base of participants from Corner Brook spread its wings to two other communities in the region. HEDB brought the Business Wings program to Pasadena and Deer Lake for three sessions that focused on human resources management topics. Each session was well attended.

This may be just the beginning. HEDB hopes to continue this expansion throughout other communities in the region, with the support of funding and local organizational partners.

Other Points of Interest....

- **IBP Roundtable**
HEDB Inc. has begun the process of developing a work plan for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. To ensure stakeholder input we organized a public forum focused on idea generation, community input and economic development within priority sectors for Zone 8. Unfortunately, the session was cancelled due to high winds and damage to the venue. HEDB will be rescheduling for January 18, 2012.
- **New Offices**
HEDB has moved its offices from Pasadena to Corner Brook. We are now located at 11 Confederation Drive in Corner Brook. Our mailing address is P.O. Bo 1105, Corner Brook, NL A2H 6T2.
- **Regional Cultural Heritage Assets**
The Humber Economic Development Board has been meeting with communities around Zone 8 to identify their most amazing undeveloped assets. The search is over and five assets have been selected for development. These cultural assets tell the untold stories and truly capture what life was like in the "good ole days". Keep an eye out for The Reidville Tramway, McIvers Tern Colony, Howley Moose and Lift Bridge, The Woods Island Museum in Humber Arm South and The Stanley Ford Property in Jackson's Arm.
- **Research Assistant for HEDB**
We would like to welcome Darren Downey, the newest addition to the HEDB staff. Darren has been hired as a research assistant mainly focusing on the Regional Cultural Heritage Initiative.
- **Snowmobile Committee Makes Strides!**
HEDB, in conjunction with the Town of Deer Lake, is currently in the process of further developing Deer Lake into the 'Snowmobile Friendly Hub' of Newfoundland and Labrador through provision of amenities for snowmobile tourists. While Deer Lake is the hub, we are also working with the towns of Howley, Reidville and Cormack to ensure regional strength in snowmobile tourism. Over two years, we will essentially try to build the area into a receptive centre that meets the needs of snowmobilers provincially and abroad.
- **EDO Departing**
HEDB would like to thank Gordon Hancock for his hard work and contributions to the organization. Gordon finished with HEDB on December 7. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



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