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Site Name: Twillingate, Newfoundland

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Field Log: Twillingate is located on two islands, the north and south islands, at the entrance to Notre Dame Bay on the northeast coast of the island portion of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. It is accessed by Route 340 from Lewisporte, just off the Trans Canada Highway, in the central portion of Newfoundland.

Because of its geographical location, the Twillingate area is renowned for its harsh weather conditions and the extremes of the natural environment have shaped the economic and social milieu of the area. Its verbal and written history are riddled with tales of the daring and courage of its sea captains and fishermen and the hardiness and endurance of its people.

This field work was conducted in early December and I was fortunate to have arrived in the area on a particularly bright and sunny day. Not having visited the area for ten years, and never having visited Twillingate itself, I took advantage of the weather and used the first day to acquaint myself with the area. I was struck by the beauty of the area's rocky coastline and the seascape. I was also aware of the cleanliness and tidiness of the area and the homes and, through observation and conversation, perceived a great deal of community pride. Services and retail facilities are more than adequate, although their availability was limited on a Sunday evening.

My primary points of contact into the community were gained through the Town Hall and I concentrated on the local, regional, provincial and federal officials for the more structured interviews. This was augmented by informal conversations throughout the community and the outlying region particularly while I passed an additional day

snowbound in the community, a personal testament to the severity of the weather!

There were no problems with access to the community or to the information. Without exception, people were interested in the NRE project and in providing whatever assistance was required (to the extent of providing home phone number contacts for the Mayor). I found a curiosity in me, personally, as the researcher who was obviously "not from around here" and often answered more questions than I asked. There is a great deal of interest in participating in any future research.

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Position of Centroid: The centroid of Twillingate is the central portion of the town proper.

What boundaries are meaningful for residents? Twillingate is comprised of two islands, the north and south Twillingate islands, and these create a natural geographic boundary. The islands have been connected to New World Island by a causeway since 1973 and this, in turn, is connected by causeway to the Change Islands through which road access to the main island of Newfoundland is available. However, the Town of Twillingate (which spans both islands and is linked by the Shoal Tickle Bridge) does not encompass the entirety of the islands. In 1992, the Town of Twillingate amalgamated with the former towns of Durrell and Bayview. In conversation, these former town names are still used to refer to the separate areas. Three portions of the islands remain as unincorporated areas but depend on the Town for most services on a fee-for-service basis.

Distribution of population within CSD boundary: The majority of the population is concentrated in the Town and the remainder is dispersed around the islands.

Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts: The geographical reality of the islands does give the CSD boundaries relevancy despite the issues of amalgamation and the persistent independence of the unincorporated areas.

Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - other:

4.1 - SITE HISTORY

- Major events & stories: Twillingate is one of the few areas in Newfoundland that can trace its history back 3500 years to the inhabitation of Archaic Maritime Indians around 1500 BC. It was the scene of an important archeological find in 1966.

Twillingate is one of the oldest seaports in Newfoundland. The French fishing fleet used the waters around the island between 1650 and 1690 and it was these fishermen who gave the islands the name "Toulinquet" because of their similarity to a group of islands off the French coast near Brest. The name became anglicized to Twillingate with the first formal settlement of a town was around 1700. The first livers, or permanent settlers, were English fishermen and their families from Devonshire. By 1760, records show that two main merchants were bringing in over a thousand pounds worth of business a year.

With the growth of a seal fishery in the 18th century, settlers became more enterprising and were engaged almost year round with fishing and farming in the summer and autumn and the seal fishery the spring.

At this time the islands were heavily wooded and occupied by bands of Beothuk Indians. The settlers disregarded the Beothuks' aboriginal rights to their traditional fishing and hunting grounds and the Beothuks responded by petty thieving. The second last living Beothuk, Demasuit, or Mary March as she was to be called, was captured and brought to live in Twillingate in 1819 where she later contracted tuberculosis and died.

Twillingate prides itself as the birthplace of a world renowned opera star. Georgina Sterling was born in 1867, the youngest daughter of Twillingate's first doctor, William Sterling. After showing early signs of possessing a remarkable soprano voice, she was sent to train in Italy and later toured Italy and the United States to wide acclaim. Her career was cut short when she contracted an illness that caused her to lose her voice and she returned to Twillingate where she died in 1935. In 1964, the still proud citizens of Twillingate erected a headstone to mark her grave and inscribed it:

The nightingale of the North sang fairer than the larks of Italy. She entertained royalty by her voice, the poor by the kindness of her heart. Erected by an admiring public, 1964.

The original Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital was built by the people of Twillingate between 1921 and 1924 as a memorial to the casualties of the First World War. Dr. John Olds became Chief Physician there in 1934. Dr. Olds is considered a legend within Newfoundland for his medical service to the area and for often doing what others thought impossible.

The Town of Twillingate was first incorporated in 1965.

The George Hawkins Arena was built in 1968, using mainly voluntary labour.

The Town Hall/Fire Hall was constructed in 1972.

In 1973 the islands became linked to the main road system of Newfoundland by a causeway.

In 1974 a new hospital was built.

In 1992 the Town of Twillingate amalgamated with the former towns of Durrell and Bayview.

In the same year, 1992, Twillingate was affected by the announcement of the cod moratorium.

5.2.1 - SERVICES

WATER

- **municipal water to everyone:** Available to 85% or more. Just a small section in area of Durrell that is not attached to the municipal water and sewage.

- **municipal water to some:** Available to 85% or more. Just a small section in area of Durrell that is not attached to the municipal water and sewage.

- **sewage collection and disposal:**

GARBAGE COLLECTION

- **open garbage dump:**

- **sanitary landfill:** Note: Garbage is collected from every house in the area on a weekly basis and is burnt at an incinerator facility.

SIDEWALKS

- **sidewalks throughout village/town:**

- **sidewalks in center of community only:** About 20% of the main town of Twillingate has sidewalks.

- **cable TV:** Available to everyone in the area.

INTERNET ACCESS

- **to everyone willing to pay:** Yes

- **free through community centre:** At the High School through special arrangement.

- **specific institutions/individuals:**

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

- **daily:** No local paper, although it did have its own paper, The Twillingate Sun, from 1880 to 1953. The Evening Telegram from St. John's and the Gander Beacon are both available daily.

- **weekly:** The Lewisporte Pilot (Lewisporte is 85 km south)

- **monthly:**

- **newsletter (no regional or area news):**

- **national newspaper:** The Globe and Mail is available through postal subscription.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **paid, full time professionals:** 0

- **volunteers:** 27

- **approximate response time to centroid:** 5-10 minutes

POLICE

- **RCMP:** Local detachment. Also responsible for New World Island.

- **provincial:** n/a

- **municipal:** n/a

- **number of personnel:** 4

- **approximate response time to centroid:** Very effective. Response time depends on location of patrol vehicle at time of call.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **911:**No

- **road ambulance service:**Yes

- **approximate response time to centroid:** 5-10 minutes.
 - **air ambulance service:** Available by helicopter through the hospital.
 - **approximate response time to centroid:**
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ROADS

(type and condition): Very good. #5 - paved, no potholes; shoulders; snow clearance; painted lines; salting/sanding. The roads through town are all new and maintained by the town. The road to the tip of the North Island, Long Point, is the responsibility of the provincial government.

6.1 - SOCIAL SERVICES / EDUCATION

Elementary school

- **distance from centroid (km):** in town
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** in town
 - **special transportation needs:** Yes. Mentally challenged students.
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
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High school

- **distance from centroid (km):** in town
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** in town
 - **special transportation needs:** Yes. Mentally challenged students.
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

Technical school

- **distance from centroid (km):** Lewisporte. 85 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:** Part of the College of the North Atlantic, the provincial network of Technical institutions.
-

University

- **distance from centroid (km):** Corner Brook, 400 km, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College - regional campus of Memorial University of Newfoundland; the School of Fine Arts. St. John's, 460 km, Memorial University of Newfoundland main campus.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

Extension courses

- **distance from centroid (km):** Adult Education offered locally.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
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Other institutions

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH

Hospital

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

Blood/urine testing facility

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

X-ray facility

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

Baby delivery facility

- distance from centroid (km): Gander, 150 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments: Was available in town until 3 years ago.
-

CT scan facility

- distance from centroid (km): Grand Falls, 150 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments:
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Nursing home

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments:
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Doctor(s)

- distance from centroid (km): In town. 5 doctors.
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:**

Nurse(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:**

Dentist(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:**

Dental Surgeon(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander or Grand Falls, both 150 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:**

Optometrist(s)

- **distance from centroid (km): In town.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: A1; Yes.**
 - **comments:**
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Home care / visits

- **distance from centroid (km): In town.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: A1; Yes.**
 - **comments: Through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment.**
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VON

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
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Social worker(s)

- **distance from centroid (km): In town.**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:** Through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment and the hospital.

Other (specify)

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

6.3 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LEGAL

Lawyer

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Notary

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Citizenship court

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

Bank

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments: The Bank of Nova Scotia.
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Credit Union

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments: Tri-Island Credit Union.
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ATM

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:** Located at the bank.
-

Micro-financing group

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Insurance office

- **distance from centroid (km):** Several agents in town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** n/a
 - **comments:**
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6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE

Daycare

- **distance from centroid (km):** Privately, in town.
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** No official daycare centres. Residents operate services within their homes.
-

Seniors / retirement home

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

6.6 - SOCIAL SERVICES / GOVERNMENT

E.I. office

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:** Forms are available from the local post office.
-

Revenue Canada office

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:**

Auto insurance office

- **distance from centroid (km):** Grand Falls, 150 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** A1; Yes.

Welfare office

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:**

Town hall

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.

- **comments:** Located in the Human Resources and Employment office in the center of town.

Band council

- **distance from centroid (km):** n/a

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** No remaining native community.
-

6.7 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LOCAL

Food bank

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Similar services provided locally through the various churches.
-

Clothing exchange / depot

- **distance from centroid (km):** Grand Falls, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Secondhand stores

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Drop-in centre

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Halfway house

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 460 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Counseling services

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments: Yes. Provided through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment local office and the Family and Rehabilitation program of the Hospital.

Family distress

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:** Yes. Provided through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment local office and the Family and Rehabilitation program of the Hospital.
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Women's shelter

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:** Reference provided through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment local office.
-

Alcohol / drug abuse

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:** Provided through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment local office.
-

6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Bus service is available to St. John's every second day. Passengers are picked up from home.

Freight train

- **distance from centroid (km):** n/a

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** All train service ceased in Newfoundland in 1989.

Passenger train

- **distance from centroid (km):** n/a

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Scheduled air service

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Gander International Airport now provides international services for freight only

but passenger connection service is available daily. St. John's International Airport is 460 km away.

Small plane

- distance from centroid (km): Grand Falls, 150 km; Gander, 150 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Grand Falls, or Central Airstrip is private service only.
-

Connecting flights

- distance from centroid (km): Gander, 150 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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Helicopter

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Through the hospital landing pad.
-

Boat

- distance from centroid (km): In town; Lewisporte, 85 km. s

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** There are many local boats, including tour boats. Lewisporte is the departure point for ferry service to Labrador. Passenger ferry service from the main island of Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia is available during summer months from Argentia, 450 km, and year round from Port aux Basques, 650 km.

Regular ferry / taxi

- **distance from centroid (km):** n/a

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Land connection via the causeway since 1973.

On demand

- **distance from centroid (km):** n/a

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Car taxi

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Other (specify)

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

6.9 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FACILITIES

Curling

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** In town.

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Used to have curling facilities at the town arena.

Municipal indoor pool

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Only operated during the summer months.

Municipal outdoor pool

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Most outdoor swimming done in ponds.**
-

Municipal indoor skating rink

- **distance from centroid (km): In town.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Municipal outdoor skating rink

- **distance from centroid (km): In town.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Informally, in fields and on the ponds.**
-

Community playing field

- **distance from centroid (km): In town.**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Community gym

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: The High school gym acts as a community gym.

Community centre

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Only in summer months.

YM/YWCA

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 460 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Municipal athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Unavailable.**
-

Private athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Commercial athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Theatre

- **distance from centroid (km): Gander, 150 km.**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Have staged local productions during the summer months.

Cinema

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Museum

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** 3 museums in town.

Library

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**Public library and libraries in the schools.

Parks

- **distance from centroid (km):** Crow Head, 6 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Other (specify)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
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Community organized teams (juniors / children)

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Includes softball, baseball, soccer and hockey.
-

Community organized teams (adults)

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**
- **comments:** Mainly softball. Used to be a seniors hockey team.

Municipal art programmes

- distance from centroid (km): n/a
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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Private art programmes

- distance from centroid (km): n/a
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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6.10 - SOCIAL SERVICES / VOLUNTEER & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Religious groups

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Anglican, United Church, Salvation Army, Pentecostal, Full Gospel Fellowship. Roman Catholic Church is in Boyd's Cove, 33 km away.
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Rotary club

- **distance from centroid (km):** Gander, 150 km; Grand Falls, 150 km.

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Historical society

- **distance from centroid (km):** n/a

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** No official society although there is organization through the museums and the town of fice. The historical significance of the area is significant and recognized for is cultural and tourism potential.

Other 1

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Other 2

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 3

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 4

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 5

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Services named by citizens as unavailable: There are not many recreational opportunities for youth, apart from sports activities. Access to public funding was also identified as a problem.

Publicly funded programmes specific to community: HRDC - 37 term creation jobs; Environmental Protection Area - designated area for coastal area protection; National Literacy Secretariat - Literacy Outreach Program; LIFE - Learning Information for Everyone (Adult Basic Education through HRDC).

Accessibility Codes: Indicated through each section, as available.

7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES

List of businesses w/ number of employees: List of Local Business provided in attached document. Note that the items that have been crossed out are recently closed businesses.

List of home-based businesses w/ activity: Information is not readily available although there are many craft and service related home-based businesses.

List of businesses that ship goods out of area: Conpak Seafood Inc; Local Berry Winery; R and B Manufacturing (lumber products); several external fish plants also buy from local fishermen.

Major suppliers and locations for each business: Each of these businesses relies on local natural resources for production although the lumber business also buys wood from out with the area.

Information from Chamber of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce no longer in existence in Twillingate. Local business information supplied by the Town Manager.

Degree of Optimism Perceived: There is a great deal of optimism in the area. Twillingate is described as having opportunities that are "as good as any town in the area or better" and is said to be among the top six municipalities in the province. Its future is generally talked about in respect to the collapse of the cod fishery and other fishery crises; "has done well under the circumstances".

There is an awareness that there are very little opportunities for young people in Twillingate and that youth have to leave the area to work, either seasonally or permanently. This is seen as a loss of necessary resources for the future development of the area rather than a mere drain on the population base.

There has been a lot of work done on the tourism industry in the area and there is a great deal of optimism about its further potential.

8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES

Special environmental and/or resource features: The natural beauty and the conditions offered by its geographic position is seen as Twillingate's greatest resource feature. Twillingate is located in what is referred to as "iceberg alley" and iceberg and whale watching are recognized as two guaranteed, non-consumptive, non-exhaustible resources.

The history and culture of the area as one of the oldest coastal settlements in Newfoundland and as the former "capital of the North" is also a resource. The "Fish, Fun and Folk Festival" has successfully been running every July for the last 17 years.

The road system and other infrastructure and services are also particularly good.

Despite the decline in fishing, Twillingate's long history as a fishing stronghold in the province provides optimism and there is conviction in the potential for under utilized species.

Negative features: The key negative features is the harshness of the winter weather and the shortness of the tourism season. There are new plans to lengthen the season in the autumn for the off-peak tourist market and develop wilderness and winter sport options for the winter season.

The peripherality of the area is not perceived as a negative feature by locals because of the availability of services in the areas and from existing tourism figures, the unique niche of the icebergs, whales and the local history appears to preclude its location as an impediment to tourism development.

Local strategies or projects engaged or planned: Tourism is the key focus for local strategic development. The Town currently (winter 1998-99) has a proposal awaiting funding to help build an historic and living fishing village. There are also plans to pursue the adventure tourism potential of the area with sea kayaking in the summer months and snowmobiling and cross-country skiing trails for the winter.

9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Current population: In 1991, the population was 3,103 and in 1996 it had dropped slightly to 2,954. A net out-migration of 4.8%, just under 2% above the provincial average for that time period.

Net migration (in/out/net): -4.8%

Current Number of Households: (Information for 1996)

Private occupied dwellings: 1045

Percentage owned: 91%

Percentage rented: 9%

Average value: \$52,298 - 74% of provincial average; 35% of national average.

Average family Size: 3.1

Age Structure: (Information for 1996)

Average age: 38.9

Percentage of the population +15: Twillingate - 83%/ Newfoundland - 80%/ Canada - 79%

Percentage of the population -15: Twillingate - 17%/ Newfoundland - 20%/ Canada - 20%

Percentage of the population +65: Twillingate - 15%/ Newfoundland - 11%/ Canada - 12%

Language: Predominant English; very small French and slightly larger Filipino.

Religion: United Church, also large Salvation Army congregation.

Literacy levels: n/a

Social changes (population, characteristics, problems): Slight population decrease.

EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)

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