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CSD (1991): 1103028

Site Name: Lot 16, Prince-Edward-Island

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Field Log: Field Log: Lot 16, PE.
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Site Contact: Wendall Birch
Date: March 5, 1998.

Met at the Belmont United Baptist Church (1876). The Birch family has a long history in Lot 16, going back six generations (arrived in 1817). The Birch family has lived in the same house (built in 1810) passed down from one generation to the next.

Mr. Birch evoked a sense that this person was in his element, knew the roads and landscape here like the back of his hand. He displayed enthusiasm about the place where he grew up and lived, not leaving out mention of the fact that L.M. Montgomery had taught at the Belmont school for one year (1898-99). The building was hauled away last year to Cavendish as a tourist attraction. Now, only the vacant site remains.

Mr. Birch's background is varied, having grown up on a farm, fished lobsters with his father, been a traveling salesman, stockbroker and, most recently, worked with the province as an appraiser of property assessments for Region 1 (all of Prince county) prior to retiring in 1993. He continues to perform private appraisal work. Currently, he is Director of the Appraisal Institute of Canada.

Site Contact: Edward Clark, former MLA (retired)
Date: March 13, 1998.

In a phone conversation, Mr. Clark gave me a sense of the history and institutional make-up of the community. Mr. Clark is a wealth of information, having been active in political life for several decades, as well as taking a personal interest in local history. A must to look up in future!

One of the points he wanted to impress upon me is the level of organization in Lot 16. The 4-H calf club was formed in 1956 and is still going. Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) is a religion-based group geared to educating young women. The Boys and Girls Club is another forum for young people. The Local Hall Committee is an active group which keeps the social life of Lot 16 alive. Similarly, there are two active chapters of the Women's Institute, one in Belmont, the other in Southwest Lot 16. There is a vibrant seniors' club, which assembles at the local hall every Monday evening. There was a Farm Forum years ago, a discussion group for local farmers which operated some 10-15 years.

People are proud of their modern community facility, which was renovated with the provincial government's assistance. They are also supportive of the Community Pastures (3 of which exist). According to Mr. Clark, Lot 16 has produced many leaders over the years, a sentiment echoed by Mr. Birch. Mr. Clark spoke of the accession to presidency of the Federation of Agriculture by a Lot 16 farmer, as well as farmers' demonstrated commitment to their organizations in general. Another point raised was the strong support Lot 16 residents have shown for co-operatives.

Site Contact: Mary and Kenneth MacLean

Date: March 19, 1998.

I visited the MacLeans at their residence in Summerside. They are a vivacious octogenarian couple. Kenneth MacLean was born in Lot 16 and lived there all his life. Seven years ago, they sold the farm that had been in the family since 1910. The MacLeans continue to do all of their socializing in Lot 16, with 4 to 5 trips there a week. When asked why they opted to leave, they explained that it was due to accessibility and availability of housing. Had they stayed in Lot 16, they likely would have had to build. Given their age, they felt it would be best to locate in Summerside, though they are emotionally bound to Lot 16. The corridor from Lot 16 to Summerside is a well-traveled one. While they gained accessibility to services by moving, they lost the proximity to friends and social activities. Ironically, this makes it necessary for them to commute, more than they ever did before.

Kenneth MacLean was highly active in the co-op sector for the better part of his working life. He was Managing Director of the Island's umbrella organization for co-ops for many years. He was responsible for chartering all but one of the seven funeral co-ops on the Island. He was also responsible for introducing the Community Pasture (1962) to PEI, along with then Minister MacCrae. Mary MacLean managed the dairy farm with her son. They had approximately 50 head of cattle.

Other Field Notes

Spent the morning of March 19 driving through Lot 16. I traveled every paved road except for the upper portion of route 123, which is partially clay. The map enclosed is an accurate depiction of the settlement patterns and infrastructure to be found. There are many scenic vistas of the coves that contour Lot 16. One beholds a mosaic of crop land and pasture, interspersed by woodlots, along its roads. The most treed area is by far the land to either side of the Allen road (route 122). The river is another outstanding feature, especially as one approaches the bridge along route 12. I sense that for those living in Southwest Lot 16, the river is the image they most hold to. For those in Central Lot 16, flat pasture is a more dominant feature. Depending on where one resides in Lot

16, both livelihood and psyche are shaped.

Position of Centroid: w/ ref. to the community center

What boundaries are meaningful for residents? Three distinct areas comprise what locals refer to as Lot 16: Belmont Lot 16, Central Lot 16, Southwest Lot 16. (See map for boundaries) Officially, Lot 16 encompasses the town of Wellington, a traditional Acadian settlement to the extreme southwest of the site. However, the actual cut-off seems to lie where route 122 (Allen road) slices through, particularly where it intersects with route 12. Aside from the farm at the top of the hill no other homes exist along route 122, to the west of which Miscouche parish falls (approximately 1600 acres). This cut-off may mimic heritage lines; most residents (if not all) of Lot 16 speak English and identify with Summerside as an economic and commercial center. In the past, some residents of Southwest Lot 16 may have commuted to Wellington, as it was an important commercial centre. Summerside has since assumed prowess and is therefore the destination of choice for virtually all residents. As one travels along route 122 toward the highway, one senses that a threshold is being crossed. Wellington is a distinct area with distinct institutions, culture and language.

A natural boundary and defining feature of Lot 16 is the body of water that hugs its northern edge, the Grand River and its tributaries.

Distribution of population within CSD boundary: Dispersed. There are several clusters to mark each district of Lot 16. Overall, there is a disperse population distribution, with highest concentrations along the lower portion of the Belmont road, where Bagiole and Nebraska roads intersect with route 12, and the lower end of Central Lot 16.

Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts: It was difficult to interpret the map provided. The boundaries discussed were those that were meaningful in terms of what "Lot 16" covers / spans in a physical sense. For those whose livelihood is farming, the boundaries would be relevant to their working lives. For most others, the adjacent community of Miscouche & Summerside would be the most likely centres of activity and work. For the community, I sense that Lot 16, from its eastern extremity of Belmont, to the west where route 122 cuts across, is the physical space with which most identify.

Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community:

Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities:

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live:

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work:

Relevance of CSD boundary - other:

4.1 - SITE HISTORY

- Major events & stories: Part of the mythology of Lot 16 would be the area inhabited by Acadians during the late 1700s and early 1800s, along the shore to the south of Belmont. Though there are no physical remnants of this settlement, it is well recalled.

The termination of a ferry service from Black Pt. Lot 16 to Bayside Lot 14 (estimated b/w 1947-49) is another defining moment in this community's history.

The establishment of a provincial park at Winchester Cape in the late 1950s is also a small imprint on the local history.

The first community pasture in PEI was in Lot 16, circa 1962 (1,500 acres - 3 pastures).

Several people from Lot 16 have served in the provincial legislature; one, Eddy Clarke, who retired recently.

Two brothers invented the tuber (?) machine for planting seed potatoes in the 1940s: Claude and Glen Ramsey. Both lived in Belmont.

L.M. Montgomery taught at the school in Belmont for one year; the building was removed from its site last year to become part of the tourist industry in Cavendish.

The first murder on the Island was said to have been committed in Lot 16.

One of the first mink ranches on PEI was in Belmont Lot 16.

The famous "Malpegne Oyster" is fished off the shores of Lot 16 - at one time, these were landed, graded and packed off the southwest shore.

"Indian Spring" , off Belmont bridge, dates back to a time when the Mikoneq (?) used to fetch water there - The name stands.

5.2.1 - SERVICES

WATER

- municipal water to everyone: no

- municipal water to some:

- sewage collection and disposal: no

GARBAGE COLLECTION yes

- open garbage dump: no - 1960... closed in 1995. Now under the Wastewatch program.

- sanitary landfill: no

SIDEWALKS

- sidewalks throughout village/town: no

- sidewalks in center of community only: no

- cable TV: no

INTERNET ACCESS

- to everyone willing to pay: yes

- free through community centre: no

- specific institutions/individuals: no

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

- daily: yes - Journal-Pioneer, comes out of Summerside - Also, The Guardian, a town Paper

- weekly:

- monthly:

- newsletter (no regional or area news):

- national newspaper: not to my knowledge

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- paid, full time professionals: no

- **volunteers: yes**
 - **approximate response time to centroid: 15 min**
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POLICE

- **RCMP: yes**
 - **provincial: no**
 - **municipal: no**
 - **number of personnel: <1 dedicated to Lot 16**
 - **approximate response time to centroid: 20-30 min**
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **911: no**
 - **road ambulance service: yes**
 - **approximate response time to centroid: 15 min**
 - **air ambulance service: yes**
 - **approximate response time to centroid: 1 hour**
-

ROADS

(type and condition):

6.1 - SOCIAL SERVICES / EDUCATION

Elementary school

- **distance from centroid (km): 8km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8km**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Miscouche

High school

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Summerside

Technical school

- **distance from centroid (km):** 11 & 16 km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16 km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Academy at Slemon Park - Holland College

University

- **distance from centroid (km):** 86km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 86km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** UPEI

Extension courses

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): n/a
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:yes
 - comments: UPEI courses offered at 3 Oaks Senior High - very limited selection
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Other institutions

- distance from centroid (km): 13 & 8km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 13 & 8km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: ? & no
 - comments: French immersion school in St. Eleanor's - centre de formation pour adultes
-

6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH**Hospital**

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:yes
 - comments: Prince County Hospital
-

Blood/urine testing facility

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Prince County Hospital**
-

X-ray facility

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Prince County Hospital**
-

Baby delivery facility

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Prince County Hospital**
-

CT scan facility

- **distance from centroid (km): 86km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 86km**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:yes**
- **comments:**

Nursing home

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Miscouche Community Care Villa
-

Doctor(s)

- distance from centroid (km):16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments:
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Nurse(s)

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
-

Dentist(s)

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:**

Dental Surgeon(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):** 86km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 86km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Only oral surgeon on PEI is located in Charlottetown, although several dentists do perform surgery

Optometrist(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:**

Home care / visits

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Administered through East Prince Health Commission

VON

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

Social worker(s)

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Summerside
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Other (specify)

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

Lawyer

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Summerside - sidewalk level entrance (Kathleen Craig)**
-

Notary

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Summerside**
-

Citizenship court

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Summerside Courthouse - considered a heritage building will relocate to a different site in the event that wheelchair access is necessary**
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6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

Bank

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Toronto Dominion - Bank of Montreal

Credit Union

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments:

ATM

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments:

Micro-financing group

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: n/a

Insurance office

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments:**
-

6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE

Daycare

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: none found**
 - **comments:**
-

Seniors / retirement home

- **distance from centroid (km): 9.5 & 8km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 9.5 & 8km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Seniors home & extended care home in Miscouche**
-

6.6 - SOCIAL SERVICES / GOVERNMENT

E.I. office

- **distance from centroid (km): 5 & 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Wellington - from southwest of Lot 16 - Summerside (more likely destination)**
-

Revenue Canada office

- **distance from centroid (km): 86km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 86km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Charlottetown**
-

Auto insurance office

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: Summerside**
 - **comments: yes**
-

Welfare office

- **distance from centroid (km): 5 & 16km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access: yes**

- **comments:** Wellington - Summerside

Town hall

- **distance from centroid (km):** 5km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 5km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Where Route 12 and Ferry Rd. meet - land procured on 99 year lease which expires April 2007

Band council

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

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

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** n/a

6.7 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LOCAL

Food bank

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16km

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes

- **comments:** Salvation Army

Clothing exchange / depot

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Salvation Army
-

Secondhand stores

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Salvation Army
-

Drop-in centre

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): n/a
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Kids-R-First - Summerside - Can. mental Health Assoc.
-

Halfway house

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Counseling services

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Family distress

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: no

- comments: Family Service Bureau - Family Focus Programs - Summerside

Women's shelter

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): n/a

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments: O'Leary

Alcohol / drug abuse

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: no**
 - **comments: Addiction services (1976)**
-

6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: To Charlottetown and/or Moncton - no commuter buses on regular basis**
-

Freight train

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

Passenger train

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

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: n/a**
-

Scheduled air service

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

Small plane

- **distance from centroid (km): 12km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 12km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Slemon Park airstrip**
-

Connecting flights

- **distance from centroid (km): 86km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 86km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Charlottetown Airport**
-

Helicopter

- **distance from centroid (km): 12km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 12km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Slemon Park airstrip - ex-airforce base**
-

Boat

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

Regular ferry / taxi

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: n/a**
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On demand

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

- wheelchair access:

- comments: n/a

Car taxi

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Summerside

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): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Municipal indoor pool

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Summerside
-

Municipal outdoor pool

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Summerside
-

Municipal indoor skating rink

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Summerside
-

Municipal outdoor skating rink

- distance from centroid (km): 8km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8km

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Miscouche**
-

Community playing field

- **distance from centroid (km): 8km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: School - Miscouche**
-

Community gym

- **distance from centroid (km): 8km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Miscouche rec. centre**
-

Community centre

- **distance from centroid (km): 5km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 5km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Hall**
-

YM/YWCA

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: no
 - comments: Are looking into the matter
-

Municipal athletic club

- distance from centroid (km): 8km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: recreation Centre in Miscouche
-

Private athletic club

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): n/a
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: Summerside
-

Commercial athletic club

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

- wheelchair access:

- comments: n/a

Theatre

- distance from centroid (km): 16km *

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (Jubilee Theatre)

- comments: * Any community hall can serve as a theatre - the full-fledged theatre is in Summerside

Cinema

- distance from centroid (km): 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Summerside

Museum

- distance from centroid (km): 8 & 16km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): n/a

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Miscouche: Acadian Museum (about 6 years old) - Eptck (?) Centre

Library

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: yes**
 - **comments: Rotary Regional Library - Summerside**
-

Parks

- **distance from centroid (km): 8 & 14.5km**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8 & 14.5km**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: provincial Park - Miscouche Park**
-

Other (specify)

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

Community organized teams (juniors / children)

- **distance from centroid (km): 16km**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Summerside

Community organized teams (adults)

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16km
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Summerside
-

Municipal art programmes

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**16km
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**yes
 - **comments:** Summerside YMCA
-

Private art programmes

- **distance from centroid (km):** 16km
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):** 16km
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** Malpak Arts Council
-

6.10 - SOCIAL SERVICES / VOLUNTEER & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Religious groups

- distance from centroid (km): 1.6, 4.8 & 8km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 1.6, 4.8 & 8km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: United (100) - Baptist (40) - Catholic (30)
-

Rotary club

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments:
-

Historical society

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes
 - comments: Eptek Centre / Fox Museum - Summerside
-

Other 1

- distance from centroid (km): 16km
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 16km
- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Lions - Summerside

Other 2

- distance from centroid (km): 9.5km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 9.5km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:yes

- comments: Legion - Miscouche

Other 3

- distance from centroid (km): 8km

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km): 8km

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes

- comments: Centennial Community Centre - Miscouche

Other 4

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

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Services named by citizens as unavailable: There is no senior citizen's home in Lot 16, though Miscouche houses several good facilities: Legion Senior Citizens' Home, and Community Care Villa. Due to their proximity to Summerside Lot 16 residents generally do not feel they are deprived of any important services. Heightened mobility today means that residents of Lot 16 have quick access to many services. This said, one notes that some older residents who are unable to manage the family homestead are seeing fit to sell their properties and move to Summerside, so that they may have better access to health services in particular.

Publicly funded programmes specific to community: I was unable to identify any current publicly funded programmes geared to Lot 16. The only example I am aware of is the renovation of the Community Hall, which took place over a period of ten years. The seniors of Lot 16 organized to obtain a grant from the provincial government of \$15,000 to renovate their Hall.

Accessibility Codes: There is wheelchair access to the Community Hall, the only public facility in use in Lot 16. There is no public internet access. The accessibility question is addressed in section 6.10.9. Public transport is virtually non-existent in PEI so the expectation is not there. It would be very difficult to live in any community without a vehicle. For older persons unable to drive, they rely on the support of family and friends. To my knowledge, there is no public transportation service offered to seniors in Lot 16.

7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES

List of businesses w/ number of employees: There are no known businesses operating within the community. There once were two fish plants, a tannery, a general store, and butter factory, to name a few.

List of home-based businesses w/ activity: Arnold Barrett: carpentry business, home-based, employing 2 to 3 people.

Roy and Sheila Kilbride: Kilbride Boarding Kennels, home-based, on the Nebraska Road

Mandersons: well-digging company, home-based, at the end of Old Ferry Road

Sawmill in Belmont (owner unknown)

List of businesses that ship goods out of area: No such businesses.

Major suppliers and locations for each business:

Information from Chamber of Commerce: There is no business organization per se, though dairy farmers may meet to discuss supply management strategies and outcomes. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, supply management came into effect in PEI. Until that time, "milk was given away". Today, dairy farmers continue to benefit from supply management policies, though they face many challenges as well.

Degree of Optimism Perceived: Generally I was given the impression that people in Lot 16 are confident in their ability to move into the future. I sense that this is an enterprising community, willing to adapt to external influences. However, its greatest strength may be its resilience to change. Lot 16 is one of the few remaining strongholds of dairy farming in PEI. That people in Lot 16 have opted to retain this livelihood, despite the trend to grow potatoes, has meant stability and a decent income for those in the dairy business. This does not preclude the fact that some are lured into the lucrative cash crop that potatoes are perceived to be. In Central Lot 16 alone, six farms are known to have converted their operations to potato growing. This means they once dairy farmed and no longer do. In the words of Kenneth MacLean, "It is a sad commentary on the province, that some communities don't have a single milk cow (today)." In reference to the 200 acre family farm that he sold seven years ago to a Dutch couple, MacLean comments, "They're mining it pretty good." The humus is being mined out of the land, as a result of intensive potato farming. It is a practice that the MacLeans look upon with disdain.

The move to intensive potato farming in particular, and away from farming in general, pose a number of challenges to Lot 16. The impact of intensive agriculture on the land is questioned and criticized by older farmers whose diversified operations allowed the land to rest and replenish itself. There is a detectable clash in views between the "old" and the "new" way of farming. How this plays out in Lot 16 will have important ramifications for the economic well-being of the area. The concentration of land in the hands of fewer farmers, with an emphasis on cash crops, is already changing the character of this traditionally self-sufficient farming community. The loss of self-sufficiency and resulting dependence on outside amenities is a reality of Lot 16, as with so many rural communities.

8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES

Special environmental and/or resource features: "It's a pretty place with the water all around." (W. Birch) The soil here has a little more clay content and so is not as subject to erosion. The land is well looked after; there's good crop rotation. (W. Birch) Practically every farm has a woodlot; there's a good mix of cleared land, forest and water. Winchester point is an ideal swimming area - to one side the water is shoal and so great for kids, the other side is deeper and suitable to better swimmers. The flat and low lying quality of the land make it well-suited to dairy farming, as well as the "heaviness" of the soil (retains a lot of moisture, good for pasture).

In response to my query as to whether the old air force base (which lies to the other side of Bentick Cove) is a nuisance to people in Lot 16 Birch said, "We like the base, it's pretty at night" (all lit up).

Negative features:

Local strategies or projects engaged or planned:

9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Current population: Apparently, in the last 2 years, some 13 new families have moved into Belmont alone, as farmers partition their fields and sell them off as residential lots. According to Mr. Clark, farm land is being converted to lawns. Also, we are witnessing a concentration of farm operations; from 10 dairy farms at one time, to 3 today in Belmont. A wing was added to the United Church on account of the increase in population ("Sunday school doubled").

There are an estimated 120 (year-round) households in Lot 16, with a population of approximately 700. English is the primary language spoken throughout the community. Almost all residents of Lot 16 have Celtic ancestry, with the exception of residents with Acadian heritage, and the odd Dutch descendent. The Christian faith is the only religion formally practiced. Ninety per cent of the residents in Lot 16 are year-round. There are 3 main cottage settlements, with 25-30 residences. These are broken down as follows: (i) adjacent to the provincial park (~ 6 cottages), (ii) at Black Point (~ 10 cottages), (iii) an extension of the New Road (~ 10 cottages). There are an estimated 60 farms in total in Lot 16, evenly distributed among the three districts. The ratio of crops to pasture is roughly 1:1.

Net migration (in/out/net):

Current Number of Households:

Average family Size:

Age Structure:

Language:

Religion:

Literacy levels:

Social changes (population, characteristics, problems): The Round Table Report on Land Use and Stewardship is the talk of the Island and Lot 16 is no exception. One of the most contentious recommendations of the Report involves the establishment of riparian buffer zones to protect watercourses. This would have a significant impact on the way farming is practiced, as cattle would no longer be permitted to loiter in the rivers and streams, and a vegetative buffer would have to be established where many have been accustomed to ploughing. Lot 16 is not unique in that it is a farming community which will have to grapple with the changes ahead.

EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)

GENERAL NOTES

There are two schools still standing; one was transported from Central Lot 16 toward Black Point. It was restored and is now inhabited. It was built in 1916, and its design was somewhat unusual. It does not bear the characteristic traits of a schoolhouse. The other is situated where the Allen road intersects with Lot 16 road (rt. 12). The Belmont school was hauled away to Cavendish last year. The only other church in the community is the United Church, where Lot 16 road (rt. 12) and Belmont road intersect. It dates to 1867. There are also three small cemeteries in Lot 16 as indicated by a 'C' on the map enclosed. These are the Baptist cemetery in Belmont, the Methodist cemetery in Central (top) and the United cemetery adjacent to the church in Central. The St. James Methodist Church stood from 1882-1954, at which time it was dismantled and hauled away.

The closure of the local schools is something which no doubt altered the character of Lot 16. In conversation with the MacLeans it was noted that at one time each of the three districts had its respective school, general store, and institutions. Today, little community infrastructure survives, and the institutions have either dissolved or amalgamated. This indicates to me that there is no natural "centre" to Lot 16; rather, it was imposed. The Community Hall is situated at the physical centre of Lot 16 (as defined by locals), though lies solitary. This is testimony to the fact that aside from the churches, there are no other public buildings in Lot 16. It took many years for Belmont residents to make use of the Hall. I sense that residents identify most with their "corner" of the Lot. There appear to be several "clusters" within Lot 16. For example, Baglole road is inhabited by fisher folk. There were five lobster boats ashore at the tip of the road.

An interesting note as well is that the women of Lot 16 attempted to change the name some time ago. It was viewed as lacking character or definition. This idea did not "go over well with the men," (officers of the community hall?) and so dissolved before ever being brought before the community. Today, however, of the 67 lots created in PEI, it is one of the few referred to by that name (if not the only). Now, the name is distinct, a relic of the past. "Maybe that's why we were chosen for this study, because our name is unique," hints Mary MacLaren, with an air of pride.

The Community Hall (situated where route 12 branches at the Old ferry road) stands approximately 6 km from the centroid (see map provided). There is an interesting history to the Hall. It originally stood at MacDougall Point in Lot 14 and was transported across the ice around 1904. It has been on the current site since 1908, which was procured under a 99-year lease. The building has been almost completely renovated. It is estimated that the upgrading of the facility has been to the tune of \$50,000 in total (spent in the last 10-12 years).

There was a Community Improvement Group, which acted much like a town council for about 30 years. It disbanded four years ago. Apparently, the province now oversees the functions that the CIG once had.

There used to be a dump, which was situated in Lot 17, just across the boundary line to the south of Lot 16. It was an open dump which operated for 35 years (1960-1995). It has since been filled. The East Prince Waste Management Facility now oversees all waste disposal in the area. The site may lie within the boundaries of Lot 16, as it sits just off highway 2, a few kilometers west of the junction at route 122. This enormous facility, which is now in the process of being privatized, is not seen as a "local business" by Lot 16 residents.

FUTURE CONTACTS

Mervin Enman (Belmont)

METHODOLOGICAL COMMENTS

As census information was not yet available for the site, I approached two individuals who are life-long residents of Lot 16 to estimate the numbers. Each corroborated the other's estimation as to the number of households. For other census-type data requested, I again availed myself of the knowledge of long-standing inhabitants as well as general observation. I am unable to supply the net migration ratio though residents have lead me to believe that there has been a small increase in the net number of residents in the past five years. Literacy and education levels could not be established without the census data.

The maps enclosed are issued by the provincial department of forestry. These I used in all of my consultations. Map #1 is a representation of the area that locals refer to as Lot 16. The maps #2-4 are a representation of the actual boundaries of Lot 16.

Where I was unable to obtain information - either due to time constraints or inaccessibility - I entered N/A in the column. I did not enter any data under the "special transportation needs" column, as it was not clear to me what was intended (or whether it was applicable).

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