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CSD (1991): 1001332

Site Name: Winterton, Newfoundland

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Field Log: Winterton is located on Trinity Bay on the western side of the Avalon Peninsula on Newfoundland's east coast. It is accessed by Route 80 from Whitbourne, just off the Trans Canada Highway.

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.

Initial telephone contact with Town Hall produced reluctance to participate in the research, however there were no real problems with access to the community or to the information.

In this instance I used the fact that my father had been born 40 km south on the same Bay to help familiarize myself.

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Position of Centroid: Position of Centroid. Winterton is primarily built around the harbour and the main high road.
The central portion of the town is where the Town Hall, Fire Station, and churches are located.

What boundaries are meaningful for residents? Winterton Town boundaries

Distribution of population within CSD boundary: Linear

Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities: No. A lot of daily activitiy involves travel to other towns and areas

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live: Yes

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work: No

Relevance of CSD boundary - other:

4.1 - SITE HISTORY

- Major events & stories: Major events & stories:

The area around Winterton was most likely the site of Beothuk settlement long before Europeans first visited. The first recorded European visit to the area was John Guy in 1612.

The first census was taken in 1675 and recorded 3 planters, 40 servants and 8 boats. These settlers were West Country English fishermen from Dorset and Devon. Many surnames of the area originate from migration from this area in the late 17th and 18th centuries.

Winterton was originally called Scilly Cove, after the Scilly Isles off Southwestern England.

Negative impressions of the area because of the sound of this name ("silly" cove) prompted the name to be changed to Winterton in 1912, after Sir James Winter, a former Prime Minister of Newfoundland.

The area was the site of several French raids in the late 17th century. Following the signing of the Treaty of Utrecht, hostilities ceased and settlement increased. In the early part of the 20th century the population reached over 1100 people. Although the harbour is neither deep nor large enough for schooners, the abundant fishing in the surrounding area and the area's reputation for boat building made it popular for settlement.

In 1952 Winterton received resettlement from the north side of Trinity Bay.

The Town was incorporated in 1964.

In 1966 water and sewage were installed.

1997 was Town of Winterton "Come Home Year". It encouraged families and descendants to return to the area for celebrations.

5.2.1 - SERVICES

WATER

- **municipal water to everyone: 99.9%**
 - **municipal water to some:**
 - **sewage collection and disposal: 99.9%**
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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.
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SIDEWALKS

- **sidewalks throughout village/town: No**
 - **sidewalks in center of community only:**
 - **cable TV:** Available to everyone in the area.
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INTERNET ACCESS

- **to everyone willing to pay: Yes**
 - **free through community centre:** At the School through special arrangement. Soon to be available at the Town Hall.
 - **specific institutions/individuals:**
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LOCAL NEWSPAPER

- **daily:** No local paper. The Evening Telegram from St. John's.
- **weekly:** The Carbonear Compass (Carbonear is 32 km away)
- **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:** 36

- **approximate response time to centroid:** 2-5 minutes

POLICE

- **RCMP:** Service provided from the Harbour Grace detachment, 39 km away.

- **provincial:** n/a

- **municipal:** n/a

- **number of personnel:** 6

- **approximate response time to centroid:** 30 minutes during the day. 2-3 hours at night because calls are routed through St. John's, 150 km away.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **911:** No

- **road ambulance service:** Yes

- **approximate response time to centroid:** 2-3 minutes

- **air ambulance service:** No

- **approximate response time to centroid:** n/a

ROADS

(type and condition): Very good. #5 - paved, no potholes; shoulders; snow clearance; painted lines; salting/sanding. The road through town is a main highway and is maintained by 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:
-

High school

- distance from centroid (km): Hearts Content, 11 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs: Yes. Mentally challenged students.
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments:
-

Technical school

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear. 32 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): St. John's, 150 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): Carbonear, 32 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
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Other institutions

- **distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: Private colleges. There is also a Heavy Equipment Driving School in Upper Island Cove, 45 km away.**
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6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH

Hospital

- **distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

Blood/urine testing facility

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

X-ray facility

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

Baby delivery facility

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

CT scan facility

- **distance from centroid (km):** St. John's, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

Nursing home

- **distance from centroid (km):**Carbonear, 32 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

Doctor(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):**In town. The doctor is shared with Hearts Delight, 28 km away. In Winterton one full day a week and half days the other four days.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

Nurse(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):** Hearts Delight, 28 km.
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:**

Dentist(s)

- **distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.**

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

- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:**

Dental Surgeon(s)

- **distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.**

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

- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:**

Optometrist(s)

- **distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.**

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

- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:**

Home care / visits

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

- **distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Social worker(s)

- **distance from centroid (km): Harbour Grace, km.**
 - **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 in Carbonear, 32 km.**
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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):** Carbonear, 32 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:**

Notary

- **distance from centroid (km):** Carbonear, 32 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:**

Citizenship court

- **distance from centroid (km):** St. John's, 150 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

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

- **comments:** Provincial court in Harbour Grace, 38km and Supreme Court in Brigus, 65 km.

6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

Bank

- distance from centroid (km): Hearts Content, 11 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: A1; Yes.
 - comments:
-

Credit Union

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
-

ATM

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.
 - 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):** Agent in town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** n/a
 - **comments:**
-

6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE

Daycare

- **distance from centroid (km):** Privately, in town. There is an organized play group 3 times a week in town. The nearest formal daycare is Carbonear, 32 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** No official dayvare 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): Harbour Grace, 38 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

Revenue Canada office

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments:

Auto insurance office

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: A1; Yes.

Welfare office

- **distance from centroid (km):** Harbour Grace, 38 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A1; Yes.
 - **comments:**
-

Town hall

- **distance from centroid (km):** Town center.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** A2; No.
 - **comments:**
-

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):** St. John's, 150 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** Similar services provided locally through the various churches, particularly the Salvation Army. There was also discussion of a strong family and neighbour network for such problems.

Clothing exchange / depot

- **distance from centroid (km):** Carbonear, 32 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Secondhand stores

- **distance from centroid (km):** Carbonear, 32 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Drop-in centre

- **distance from centroid (km):** Carbonear, 32 km.

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

- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Halfway house

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Counseling services

- distance from centroid (km): Harbour Grace, 38 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Provided through the provincial department of Human Resources and Employment Harbour Grace office.

Family distress

- distance from centroid (km): In town.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: A1; Yes.

- comments: Yes. Through clergy.

Women's shelter

- **distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: A1; Yes.**
 - **comments:**
-

Alcohol / drug abuse

- **distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: A1; Yes.**
 - **comments:**
-

6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus

- **distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

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):** St. John's, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** St. John's International Airport
-

Small plane

- **distance from centroid (km):** St. John's, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
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Connecting flights

- **distance from centroid (km):** St. John's, 150 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Helicopter

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

- **distance from centroid (km):** In town.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** There are many local boats. Passenger ferry service from the main island of Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia is available during summer months from Argientia, 150 km, and year round from Port aux Basques, 850 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 provincial road system.

On demand

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

- **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):** Harbour Grace, 38 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Municipal indoor pool

- **distance from centroid (km):** Carbonear, 32 km.
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Municipal outdoor pool

- **distance from centroid (km):** St. John's, 150 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):** Harbour Grace, 38 km.

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

Municipal outdoor skating rink

- **distance from centroid (km):** New Perlican, 8km.
 - **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 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:
-

YM/YWCA

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 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): St. John's, 150 km.
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Commercial athletic club

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Theatre

- distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Cinema

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 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:
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Library

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:Public library and library in the school.
-

Parks

- distance from centroid (km): In town.
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments:
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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): Harbour Grace, 38 km. Carbonear, 32 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Various. Includes softball, baseball, soccer and hockey.

Community organized teams (adults)

- distance from centroid (km): Carbonear, 32 km; Harbour Grace, 38 km.

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Municipal art programmes

- distance from centroid (km): n/a

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Private art programmes

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

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. 50% of the population is Anglican.**
-

Rotary club

- **distance from centroid (km): St. John's, 150 km.**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:**
-

Historical society

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

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

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:
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Services named by citizens as unavailable: The main concern of local officials is their inability to get funding and permission for a recreational Trailer Park. Lack of employment opportunities is also a concern.

Publicly funded programmes specific to community: No.

Accessibility Codes: Indicated through each section, as available.

7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES

List of businesses w/ number of employees:

Hindy's Gas Bar

Roy Cole- construction

Clarence Evans - construction

Betty Blake - hairdresser

E.J. Green and Co. - grocery, hardware, fish plant (more than 30 employees)

Vince Green Funeral Home

Green - small engine repair

Gary Hiscock - grocery
H and D Construction
JR Restaurant and Motel
Reid's Sawmill
Hindy's Grocery and Hardware
Hindy's Boarding Home

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: n/a

Major suppliers and locations for each business: n/a

Information from Chamber of Commerce: No Chamber of Commerce.

Degree of Optimism Perceived: There is not a great deal of optimism in the area. Out migration is perceived as a major problem, particularly since the cod moratorium of 1992. Although 1996 Census information does not agree, local perception is that 80% of the population is retirees and all young people are leaving. The only answer given for the area is amalgamation of the small towns in the area to consolidate services. The whole area is said to be very depressed.

Halibut farming in the area is seen as a potential economic bonus but a very small employment opportunity.

8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES

Special environmental and/or resource features: Trinity Bay is a good asset. It is over 1820 feet deep - this is why the Hibernia platform was constructed nearby and towed through this Bay. The area is also said to have good agricultural soils. The best resource is the cod ... if it came back.

Negative features: The forest is a problem. It is sparse and most residents depend on wood for home heating fuel.

Local strategies or projects engaged or planned: There is no town strategic plan in place. There was discussion of the previous Town Council and its reputed confrontational approach to building permits. Apparently the town was left with outstanding legal debts from lawsuits.

The new Zonal system in the province was not seen to be a positive move. It was "letting each town run on their own - survival of the fittest".

9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Current population: In 1991, the population was 667 and in 1996 it had dropped to 622. A net out-migration of 6.7%, more than twice the provincial average for that time period.

Net migration (in/out/net): -6.7%

Current Number of Households: (Information for 1996)

Private occupied dwellings: 225

Percentage owned: 91%

Percentage rented: 11%

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

Average family Size: 2.7

Age Structure: (Information for 1996)

Average age: 43.0

Percentage of the population +15: Winterton - 86%/ Newfoundland - 80%/ Canada - 79%

Percentage of the population -15: Winterton - 13%/ Newfoundland - 20%/ Canada - 20%

Percentage of the population +65: Winterton - 21%/ Newfoundland - 11%/ Canada - 12%

Language: Totally English.

Religion: 50% Anglican, also large Salvation Army congregation.

Literacy levels: n/a

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

EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)

End of Entry

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