

NRE Site Profile Update 2000

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JOURNAL/ LOG

Many in this community were deeply cynical of this survey and resultantly refused to participate, although they would engage in brief informal chats about the community in general. There was an audible sigh on the end of the phone when I told the Mayor what it was all about! A frequent comment was that this sort of material had been seen too many times before and had delivered the community nothing in return. It was practically impossible to track down many of the required representatives as it was the holiday peak season and many were unavailable through work or holiday. Winter is recommended for this kind of work!

Almost all businesses who took a questionnaire declined to complete it upon receipt, the length and complexity of the questions being cited as the reasons. The town's largest employer only went through it with me because he was a graduate of MUN's Geography Department.

The people are, however, very friendly. They are simply tired of surveys and openly question their value.

Access to most information on the site was readily available via the Town Hall and representatives of the Municipal Council. It is my feeling that a more informal, qualitative approach would yield better data in this community.

4. SITE HISTORY - MAJOR EVENTS & STORIES

Begin by reviewing the site profile created in 1998. You can download this from the NRE website, or look at your copy from before. See if there are any other major events, particularly from the 1990s, which may be added to this site history. Please produce a text file showing the date and title/brief description of each event.

Addition to 1998 site history.

There have been few changes to Winterton since the 1998 survey. The same councillors and contacts are still in position.

The local fish plant has been fairly successful in the last year, seeing a 25% increase in employees at the time of the survey. Around sixty currently work there, by far the town's only significant employer. Interestingly, they do not seem to feel threatened particularly by the current crab quota changes as they have expanded into many different species.

The local boat museum and heritage boat-building initiatives have been fairly successful and are slowly becoming significant items of local interest and providing two or three local students with Summer employment.

A new development of a local trailer park on the road into Winterton is of significant municipal pride and a further holiday cabin development is anticipated.

The loss of local youth continues to be of serious concern as volunteerism and opportunities in general continue to decline.

A perspective that municipal governments in the area must amalgamate to continue to adequately deliver services (especially emergency services) was observed amongst the institutional representatives.

In general, the outlook of the community is pessimistic despite these recent achievements, which is understandable when one realises how small the social and economic impacts of the new developments actually are for the town.

5. Communications and Infrastructure

5.2 Are the following available within this site, yes or no? If appropriate, record the number (#) of these available (i.e. 10 radio stations, or 2 newspapers). Comment on any changes since 1998. Remember, in most cases this is an update from 1998, so not a lot of detail is required, except where noted.

Note: Please obtain a copy of the local paper and any newsletters, and mail them to David Bruce.

Item	Yes/No/#	Comments
Communication Inventory		
Cable TV (is local programming in the form of "text" messages only, or actual programs as well)	Yes	Text messages only for the immediate local area.
Cable TV Provider (who is the cable provider, name the company)		Cable Atlantic
Internet (which companies provide Internet (ISPs), list community website address)	Yes	SCANL internet for communities initiative at school. Done through Provincial/ Federal initiatives. Only community web-sites known: DisplayText cannot span more than one line! &http://www.publib.nf.ca/CAP/east/Winterton/ (Under construction)
Speed of Internet Access (indicate which forms are available: Vibe, DSL modem, cable, other)		Cable & Modem
Public Internet Access Terminals	Yes	School/ Library & Town Hall
Local Newspaper (frequency)	No	
Regional Newspaper	Yes	Carbonear Compass (weekly)
National Newspaper	Yes	Globe and Mail (subscription)

Community Newsletters (how many, how frequent, only include church bulletins if they carry more than church news)	No	
Local Radio Station	No	
# of Radio Stations available in the site (use your radio dial)	Yes	6-7
Community Bulletin Boards (how many can you find, usually in stores or post offices, comment on what they are used for - mostly local notices, personal notices, regional notices, government notices, etc)	Yes	Town Hall entrance and most shop doors post community information, not really on specified boards, though.
Community Identity Inventory		
Community "Welcome" Sign (describe what it says and any symbols or pictures)	Yes	"Welcome to Winterton" painted on a picturesque landscape artistic impression.
Community Flag (please describe)	Yes	Was told there was one (and a crest), but was unable to track it down or observe it on a building during my time there.
Community Symbols (crests, coat of arms, icons, etc, please describe)	Yes	

6. Social Services - Availability and Accessibility

For each item determine whether or not it is located within the site boundaries (Yes/No column). If it is not, please indicate:

- which community residents travel to for these services (Community column)
- and how far it is by personal car, both in time (minutes) and distance (Time and Kms columns).

Add any additional relevant comments. For example, perhaps the elementary school has closed since 1998, or there has been a change in who provides a particular service. The key is to ask "What has changed?" of the person(s) you are speaking to.

ITEM	Yes/No	If "no", how far?			Comments
		Which Community?	Time	Kms	
EDUCATION					
Elementary School	Yes	Winterton	NA	NA	School's future in question.
High School	Yes	Heart's Content	11km	15 min	
CÉGEP/comm. college	Yes	Carbonear	32km	25 min	

University	Yes	St. John's	150k m	1.5 hrs	Main MUN campus
Continuing Education and Extension Courses	Yes	Carbonear	32km	25min	
Other Educational Institutions	Yes	Carbonear	32km	25min	Private Colleges
HEALTH/SAFETY					
Hospital	Yes	Carbonear	32km	25 min	
Blood/Urine Testing Facility	Yes	Carbonear	32		
X-Ray Facility	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Baby Delivery Facility	Yes	Carbonear	32		
CT Scan Facility	Yes	St. John's	150		
Nursing Home	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Doctor(s)	Yes	Winterton	NA		
Nurse(s)	Yes	Heart's Delight	28	20min	
Dentist(s)	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Dental Surgeon(s)	Yes	St. John's	150		
Optometrist(s)	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Home Care/Visits	Yes	Heart's Delight	28		
VON	Yes	St. John's	150		
Social Worker(s)	Yes	Harbour Grace	38	30min	
Pharmacy	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Ambulance	Yes	Winterton	NA		
Emergency Services	Yes	Winterton	NA		
Public Health Nurse	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Rehabilitation - Physiotherapy	Yes	St. John's	150		
Rehabilitation - Speech Therapy	Yes	St. John's	150		
Rehabilitation - Occupational Therapy	Yes	St. John's	150		
Police (local or RCMP)	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Fire Department (state if comprised of volunteers, paid staff, or both)	Yes	Winterton	NA		
911 Emergency Line	No				
LEGAL					
Lawyer	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Notary	Yes	Winterton			Paralegal
Citizenship Court	Yes	St. John's	150		
FINANCIAL					

Bank	Yes	Heart's Content	11		
Credit Union	Yes	Carbonear	32		
ATM Machine	Yes	Carbonear	32		
Micro-Financing Group	No				
Insurance Office	Yes	Winterton	NA		
SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DAYCARE					
Daycare	Yes	Winterton	NA		
Senior Citizens' Retirement Home	Yes	Winterton	NA		
GOVERNMENT					
Employment Insurance Office	Yes	Harbour Grace	38km		
Revenue Canada Office	Yes	St. John's	150km		
Provincial Automobile Licence Office	Yes	St. John's	150km		
Welfare Office	Yes	Harbour Grace	38km		
Town Hall	Yes	Winterton	NA		
Band Council	No/NA				
Post Office	Yes	Winterton	NA		
COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Food Bank	Yes	St. John's	150km		
Clothing Exchange or Depot	Yes	Carbonear	32km		
Second-Hand Stores (profit & charitable)	Yes	Carbonear	32km		
Drop-In Centre	Yes	Carbonear	32km		
Half-Way House	Yes	St. John's	150km		
Personal Aid Services(counseling, family distress, etc)	Yes	Harbour Grace & Winterton (fam. distress)	38km		
PUBLIC TRANSPORT					
Bus	Yes	Carbonear	32km		
Train - Passenger	n/a				
Train - Freight	n/a				
Air	Yes	St. John's	150km		
Helicopter	Yes	Winterton			As last survey: Helicopter can land anywhere.
Boat	Yes	Winterton			Key informants do recollect boats in this fishing community. Do you mean FERRY? In that case, no.
Taxi	Yes	Winterton			
FACILITIES					

Curling	Yes	Harbour Grace	38km		
Municipal Swimming Pool (indoor & outdoor)	Yes Yes	Carbonear St John's	32km 150k m		indoor outdoor
Municipal Skating Rink (indoor & outdoor)	Yes Yes	Harbour Grace New Perlican	38km 8km		indoor fields & ponds
Community Playing Field	Yes	Winterton			Soon to undergo upgade
Community Gym	Yes	Winterton			School gym
Community Centre	Yes	Winterton			
YMCA/YWCA	Yes	St. John's	150k m		
Athletic Club	Yes	St. John's	150k m		
Theatre	Yes	St. John's	150k m		
Cinema	Yes	Carbonear	32km		
Museum	Yes	Winterton			Boat Museum
Library	Yes	Winterton			School & Public library combined
Parks	Yes	Winterton			

7. ECONOMIC FORTUNES

Review the original site profile to see which businesses existed at that time. We want to know a bit about how many and what type of businesses opened or closed since 1998. Check with the Chamber of Commerce first. NO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

List the businesses, their type, and number of employees in brackets, as follows:

e.g. Brown's - retail store (8)

Madison Paper - paper mill (60)

Businesses not listed in 1998 survey that were and are present:

Newfoundland Aqua Ventures (1)

Canacom Tax Service (unknown)

Winterton Water Company (unknown)

Haynes Paralegal Firm (unknown)

CWE Enterprises Ltd (1)

New business opened since summer 1998: Existing business closed since summer 1998:

Galley Takeout (2)

No failures mentioned.

Coate's Crafts (1)

8. COMMERCIAL SHOPPING

We want to determine the level of retail / commercial shopping in the site, and the distance and time to travel to any higher levels of retail / commercial shopping. We are roughly following Hodge / Stabler's classification scheme.

For example, if the community is a full convenience centre, write "yes" in the Yes/No column beside that description. Then for each of the four descriptions of more extensive retail / commercial centres, identify the nearest community people in this site would travel to for that level of shopping, and how far that is in terms of time and distance by personal automobile.

Description	Yes/No	If "no", how far?			Comments
		Which Community?	Time	Kms	
minimum convenience centre (gas and basic groceries)	Yes				
full convenience centre (minimum plus some general merchandise, full grocery store, implement dealers)	Yes				
partial shopping centre (above plus selected merchandise - small malls)	No	Carbonear		32k m	
complete shopping centre (above plus extensive retail merchandise - large malls)	No	St. John's		150k m	
secondary wholesale-retail centre (above plus some wholesale)	Yes	Carbonear		32k m	
primary wholesale-retail centre (above plus central wholesale outlets)	No	St. John's		150k m	Price Club & Costco