

Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay, and Area Society

2021 Update

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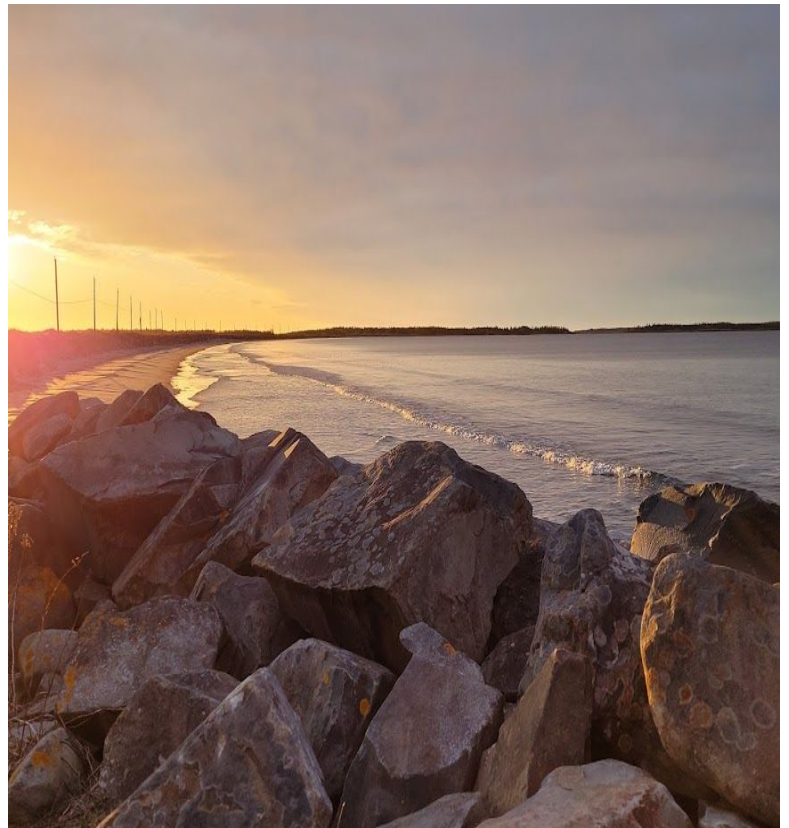
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Welcome to the neighbourhood!



There are many new permanent and seasonal residents to our area this year. We'd love to see you join us in the care of our beaches. Stewardship will help protect your happy place. If you have any questions, please reach out! Hopefully, soon, we will be able to come together, to share with you, the many community activities and events we have enjoyed in years past, pre-Covid 19.

We're looking for stories for next year's update. What brought you to our area to live, work, play, or visit?

Send your story to deannaharlow13@gmail.com

We are looking for new members and ask that past members renew their membership. Annual cost is only 10.00 per person or 20.00 for a family. Lifetime memberships are 100.00 per person.

Please see our website for details on how these funds are used to take care of the beach. www.crescentbeach.ca

Payment can be made via cheque and sent to our mailing address or e-transfer to deannaharlow13@gmail.com. Please note in the message box that this is for FOCB Membership.

Chairperson's Annual Report

Greetings everyone. As was the case in 2020, the COVID 19 pandemic makes it impractical to hold an annual meeting this year. We are publishing this newsletter in print format as well as electronically in order to reach as many members of our community as possible. **We welcome new memberships to our association, and are always interested in new members to our board of directors.**

Although COVID restrictions caused some meeting cancellations, the board met 6 times in the past year, and our work has continued. Most recently, as many will have noticed, speed limit signs were erected at each end of the beach. While the vast majority of drivers drive slowly and respectfully of beach goers, speeding is still an occasional problem. We continue to lobby for speed limit signs on the beach road as well.

Volunteer FOCB board members are continuing to empty the garbage bins at each end of the beach. Like last summer, reduced staff numbers at Rissers Provincial Park have meant that park staff are not able to perform this task. Beach goers can assist our volunteers by taking home as much of their garbage and dog doo as possible. (We have noted that much less garbage is being left on the beach than was 10 or so years ago. Thanks everyone.)

The annual Beach Sweep was postponed from this past June until next spring. FOCB members and other volunteers kept the beach as clean as possible this season. Thank you to those who picked up trash during your walks. Watch our website and Facebook page for details in 2022 for the next Beach Sweep.

The information panel on beach bird life has deteriorated from weather and will be replaced in the coming months. The other panel will be replaced next year.

Dune preservation continues to be a major concern. On July 1, a work party installed another 200 feet of snow fencing in a number of locations to catch blowing sand and build up the dunes. There are plans to do more of this in the coming months. In addition, plans are being made for planting native grasses and other plants to strengthen the very fragile dunes.

As mentioned, the board appreciates your support and assistance. There is still much to do.

Submitted by Michael Robb, Chair

There is a natural cycle to the dunes of Crescent Beach. Wave action brings sand from deep in Green Bay onto the local beaches during periods of calm. On Crescent Beach, the southwest summer wind and northerly winter wind carry the beach sand into the dunes where grasses, rose bushes, and other vegetation hold it in place. During the storms of fall and winter, wave action removes and returns some of the sand to the depths of Green Bay.

The dunes are important for several reasons. They provide a habitat for nesting small birds and foxes and are a home to a variety of vegetation. The dunes also buffer the beach and beach road during winter storms. Several times over the past 100 years the beach has been breached by storms, cutting off access to the Lahave Islands. The armour rock added to the face of the dunes 20 years ago greatly stabilized the dunes against such storms.

The dune health varies greatly along the length of Crescent Beach. Their size varies from being 10 feet high and 35 feet wide to just 2 feet high and 6 feet wide. Friends of Crescent Beach have been active over the years encouraging dune growth and stability, especially in the weaker sections. For many years rose bushes were planted (100/yr) and, more recently, sections of snow fence have been installed. The buildup of sand in the targeted areas has been slow, but sure, and we are encouraged by the progress. By becoming an annual member of FOCB, your \$10 membership fee helps fund such projects.

Dunes Update

Submitted by David Hughes



The snow fence installed in 2020 has accumulated 16 inches of sand. In background are some FOCB roses.



You may have noticed the new signs, one at each entrance of the beach. Please slow down so everyone, especially children and 4 legged family members, remain safe.



Dune Preservation Work Party July 1st, 2021 Thanks to our FOCB volunteers and their families!

Friends of Crescent Beach t-shirts for sale



Men's sizes M, L and XL

To order: Contact Jean
McHarg 902-688-2224
(leave a message)

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\$15.00 each



Women's sizes S, M, and L

Profits go to the FOCB Society to help take care of the beach.

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MEMBERSHIP Application

Dear Member,

The FOCB depends heavily on membership fees for its continued activities. Please renew or join our **Friends'** membership for the 2021-22 season today!

Annual Single Membership \$10.00; Annual Family Membership \$20.00; Lifetime Single Membership \$100.00

Please see our website www.crescentbeach.ca . You can also find us on Facebook.

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Providing your email address, allows us to send you a copy of our newsletter electronically. FOCB will never sell or loan its lists to any other organization. Please send this completed form with your cheque payable to Friends of Crescent Beach to:

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