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Lighthouse Park made beautiful Concrete enhances Port Medway's newest attraction

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A new lighthouse park was completed in the fall of 2002 in Port Medway, Queens County, Nova Scotia, as part of a project aimed at preserving the 1899 lighthouse, but also to create a park to be enjoyed by the community and visitors alike.

The 1.75 acre former fish plant property situated beside the busy wharf in Port Medway sat vacant since 1993. Interest in developing the site started when a local community organization—the Medway Area Communities Association—met with the Region of Queens Municipality in the fall of 1998 to express their desire to preserve the lighthouse and create a tourism destination.

The project took a step closer to becoming a reality when the Municipality was able to purchase the property in a tax sale on July 28, 2000. From that moment the focus turned to designing the park and obtaining the necessary funding.

Demolition of the former fish plant started at the end of July 2001 and once the debris was cleared, the lighthouse was moved so that work could begin to restore the breakwater, which runs the length of the park. Meanwhile, work began on restoring the lighthouse using old photographs as a guide. Also, an array of interpretive panels depicting the history of the area were designed.

During the summer of 2002 the Park really began to take shape as curbing and walkways were installed. The Park is also landscaped with a large grassed area, native plantings and local rock. It has a paved parking lot, together with a look-off that enables visitors to view the scenic islands in Port Medway Bay. There's also a pavilion, which can be used as a picnic shelter or as a stage for community events. Quality lamp standards and

floodlighting, together with benches and site signage complete the Park.

While the lighthouse is no longer an official navigational aid (decommissioned in January 1987), the Coast Guard was able to provide an old lighthouse prism to display at the top of the light tower.

South Shore Ready Mix supplied the concrete and aggregate for the walkways (13,000 square feet), the base for the pavilion and signs, the look-off and steps and the curbing, which outlines the features of the Park. Ted Lynch and his crew from Newfoundland constructed the exposed aggregate walkways, which use material mined from Foley Mountain. The local Port Medway Fire Department also played a role in the walkway construction, providing the water to wash down the aggregate before it was sealed with a high gloss sealer.

Funding for the \$601,990 project was provided by Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (\$271,990), Nova Scotia Tourism and Culture (\$35,000), and the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission (\$50,000). The remaining \$245,000 was contributed by the Region of Queens Municipality—which managed the project through to completion—in the form of both in-kind (\$170,000) and cash (\$75,000).

Approximately 200 people gathered to attend the official opening ceremony on Saturday, October 19, 2002 on a perfect sunny day when the fall colours were at their peak. Local musicians and artisans provided plenty of entertainment. The Park turned what was an eyesore into a beautiful tourist attraction. It's hoped the Lighthouse Park will encourage more tourism-related businesses to develop in the area.

The Park is situated in Port Medway, which can be accessed from exit 17A on Highway 103.



The Port Medway Lighthouse Park in Queens County, NS was completed in Fall 2002 to showcase this historical 1899 lighthouse. South Shore Ready Mix Limited supplied the exposed aggregate concrete for over 1200 m² of walkways in the park.

APRMCA picks new president

The Atlantic Provinces Ready Mixed Concrete Association (APRMCA) is pleased to announce the choice of Allan Heffell, C.E.T., as its new president. Heffell is the manager of ready mix operations for Curran & Briggs Limited of Summerside, Prince Edward Island. He becomes the 24th president in APRMCA's 37-year history.

Heffell accepted APRMCA's number one position with the full blessing of Curran & Briggs Limited, and the president and patriarch of this family-owned company, Walter Riehl. Curran & Briggs is a well established roadbuilder and general contractor with extensive construction experience across the Maritimes. The company's membership and



Allan Heffell, APRMCA's new president, presents a plaque and best wishes to outgoing president Mel Fiander at the 37th AGM.

active support of the APRMCA dates back many years.

Heffell takes over from Mel Fiander of Quality Concrete, Dartmouth, NS, who ended a busy two-year term at the 2003 AGM festivities this past

February. Fiander will lend his guidance and expertise as past president while Heffell gains his sea legs. Both will work closely together, especially on national issues related to the industry, since Fiander is beginning his

term as president of the Canadian Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

Heffell is a Certified Engineering Technician (C.E.T.). His background in the construction industry includes several years as a testing technician at the PEI Department of Transportation & Public Works asphalt lab, and time in the masonry trade. He joined Curran & Briggs in June 1993, and worked in several positions during his tenure. Currently he's the Ready Mix Division Manager, a position he accepted in July 1996. Heffell maintains involvements in several construction industry organizations, and resides in Summerside with his wife Nancy and children Darcie and Jeremy.

BRIEFLY

• APRMCA's Associate member roster has increased to 74 since last fall. We welcome Jack Goldston, president, and Glen MacDonald, sales manager, Scotia Mack, A Division of T. G. Industries Limited., Dartmouth, NS; Alex Lalonde, eastern regional manager in Montreal, and R. J. (Jeff) Goulding, CTR, Technical Sales Rep, Truro, NS, both of Sika Canada Inc.; Kevin Bearnes, Maritime Testing (1985)

Limited, Dartmouth, NS; Craig McElroy, ADI Limited, Fredericton, NB and all ADI offices in the Atlantic region; Michelle LaVign, executive director, Landscape Nova Scotia Horticultural Trades Association (reciprocal member), Dartmouth, NS; Dr. Michael Thomas, president, Cement & Concrete Studies Ltd., Fredericton, NB; and Norman F. MacLeod, P. Eng., Halifax, NS as APRMCA's second ever Honourary Life

Member. Thank you for your support.

• APRMCA's producer membership began 2003 at 53 operators (77.9 per cent) with 119 plants (88.8 per cent) providing valuable spin-offs to 94 Atlantic communities and their surrounding areas. We welcome Monty Chard, president of Cabot Ready Mix in Bonavista, Newfoundland, who is designated as a "conditional member" until certification of his plant and

facilities is completed.

• As the voice of the region's ready mixed concrete industry, and manufacturers of 95 per cent of the ready mixed concrete here, we are an economic force in the local construction industry that warrants consideration from owners and developers, specifying authorities, government agencies and contractors. APRMCA cordially invites producers who are not currently members of APRMCA to join us.

Membership criteria are straight forward: pay the annual fee based on your previous year's volume, and have your operations certified to the APRMCA Concrete Production Facilities Certification Program. This certification program has been revised in the past year, raising its level as a basic standard for ready mixed concrete "source quality control," and demanding more from producers to meet changing market needs.

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