

# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

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*From The New Director General East*

*GAEA Award*

Dear Colleagues,

Since my arrival in Parks Canada two weeks ago, I have been spending these initial days starting to learn about the privileged mandate of this agency and meeting for the first time many proud and passionate people of Parks Canada. This has been both humbling and exciting, and has re-affirmed for me the importance of what we do in the public service, and the importance of the great people who do it.

Over the next few months, I will be meeting our Field Unit teams and Service Centre, and attempting to meet personally with as many of you as possible. I will appreciate these opportunities for you to further orient me about Parks Canada and to share with you some of my experience and ideas. Such information sharing and dialogue is vital among us and will also help me to focus on key areas where I can support you as your Director General, Eastern Canada.

I am so pleased to join the Parks Canada team and I very much look forward to working with you all!

Sincerely,

Brendan P. McDonald  
Director General, Eastern Canada

The winners of this month's Gaea Award for Environmentally Friendly Activities are the Carpenters.

Every Fall, the carpenters winterize the buildings by constructing and installing storm windows and doors, installing vinyl windows, putting plastic and insulation over other doors and windows, and caulking for leaks. This helps to keep heating costs down, and using less fuel reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Good job, guys. Thanks for helping to keep us warm.

In addition, the carpenters have also reconstructed the composter behind the museum. The previous composter was constructed of wolmanized lumber which leaches toxins over time, and was thus contaminating the compost and making it unusable. The new composter is made of good old-fashioned lumber, and so it will produce safe, usable compost. Thanks for that too, guys.

Pictured in the photo are: Kenny MacDonald, Glen Kennedy, Alison MacIntyre and



John Cann. Missing from the photo are Peter Marenick and Mike Bagnell.

Congratulations Carpenters! Your efforts to help create a greener environment are noticed and appreciated.

### *Condolences*

It is with regret and sadness that we note the passing of fellow Parks Canada employee and long time Louisbourg resident Larry Rudderham on December 19 / 2005 at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 68. Left to mourn are his four children, a brother, three sisters and many relatives, special friends, and former co-workers. Larry was pre-deceased by his wife Kathy (Hiltz) in 2003.

At the age of 19 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he served for three years. Upon returning to Louisbourg in 1959 he was married and shortly thereafter joined the Parks Canada labour force on the reconstruction of the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site.

Around 1974 Larry transferred to Fundy National Park as Maintenance Supervisor. At the first opportunity though he returned to his beloved Cape Breton Island taking up the position of Maintenance Supervisor at Cape Breton Highlands National Park in 1977 where he worked until his retirement in 1991. After retirement Larry maintained his close association with Parks Canada by working as a Commissionaire at Broad Cove Campground in Cape Breton Highlands National Park for three seasons. His final posting was again at the Fortress of Louisbourg NHS where he served faithfully in the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires from 1995 until his retirement from the Corps in 2004.

Our condolences go out to all of his family, friends and former co-workers. He will surely be missed.

Our condolences go out to the family of Ron Cameron, former employee who passed away in December 2005. Ron was a bus driver while he worked us.

Condolences to the family of Amelia Wilcox who passed away January 26, 2006. Amelia was a sister of Iris Stevens, aunt to Linda Bartlett, Carter Stevens, Brent Baker and his sister, Eileen.

### *Congratulations*

Bill and Wendy Bryan are the proud new grandparents of a beautiful baby boy named Braiden Micheal Alexander Hall born on December 16<sup>th</sup> and weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. As you can see from the picture below, he is a beautiful baby and Mom and Dad, Amy and Jamie must be very proud!!



### *Green Tip of the Month*

Several months ago it was suggested that we put in a “Green Tip” every issue to help promote “Greening the Workplace” so here is the first of many to come (hopefully!!)

**Don't Idle:** Idling a vehicle for 10 minutes a day can produce about a quarter tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions each year and cost you about \$70 in wasted fuel. If you stop for more than 10 seconds, except in traffic, turn off your engine and save. To learn more, visit the Idle-Free Zone at:

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