



# Closing in on 30 Years of Giving Back

Hubbards and the Aspotogan Peninsula is home to just under 3,800 people, according to the 2021 Census. While many residents have lived here their whole lives, we are happy to see the arrival of new families who are now calling this beautiful area home. As Aspotogan Heritage Trust approaches its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we want to take a moment to reflect on the past few decades of our work within this community. For some of you this will bring back memories and for others, it will give you a better understanding of the history of the Aspotogan Heritage Trust and what we do in the community. Over the next couple of issues we will explore each of the three decades leading up to the anniversary. Let us start with the first 10 years.



## 1994-2004

In 1994 the federal government announced the closure of CFS Mill Cove. Mill Cove Park Development Agency (later renamed Aspotogan Heritage Trust) was created with the mandate to identify options for the commercial reuse of CFS Mill Cove and to help diversify and strengthen the economy of the area affected by the closure. The office was originally located in the Gate House, at the entrance of CFS Mill Cove but before the end of the first decade, the offices had moved into a new location at the Hubbards Shopping Centre.

The first few years of the agency was spent determining a plan for Mill Cove Park including housing, business and public use space. The initial efforts were to make any necessary repairs and upgrades to the housing units to be ready to open for occupancy in the summer of 1996 once the transfer of the lands was complete. With regard to the business portion the agency needed to determine tenancy for the three large buildings on the property. The buildings could house several types of businesses by offering office space, warehouse, storage or shipping, or adapted to suit others as needed. The last part of the plan involved the Gate House/Fire Department building, sports field, nature trail, tennis court and vacant site as a candidate site for a new elementary school.

Nine community-based teams were created to act as a resource for the re-development plan. The Aspotogan Heritage Trust (AHT) was responsible for the overall coordination of all projects. The first full year of operation for the AHT was a success, meeting or exceeding most of the goals set out in the redevelopment plan.

Over the next few years, AHT continued to work in the community. Plans were coming along for the development of the former “Fish Plant” on the Hubbards Waterfront, a new school to be built on the Mill Cove property, a sound stage for film and television (Black Harbour, Deeply and Blackflies were filmed in Mill Cove Park), among other projects.

The new school, Aspotogan Consolidated Elementary School (ACES), opened

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in the fall of 2000. The Fish Plant property was purchased for long-term public access.

Spring of 2001 saw Aspotogan Heritage Trust purchase a barn and 6 acres of land on Hwy 3 in Hubbards. Shortly afterwards the Farmers’ Market began using “The Barn” for its weekly markets in June of 2001. AHT also supported the re-purpose of the former Fox Point School to create Through The Years Community Day Care Centre. AHT donated an office at the Gate House for the Hubbards & Area Adult Learning Program.

The tenth anniversary of AHT was celebrated in October of 2004 in the parking lot of the Hubbards Shopping Centre in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Giant Pumpkinfest. The first decade was a great success with the purchase of strategic properties and having distributed approximately \$400,000 in grants to many community organizations and projects within the Hubbards and Aspotogan Peninsula region.



The first issue of The Coast Line is produced in January 1995 and was designed to provide accurate and timely information concerning the activities of the AHT and it continues today.



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## AHT Printing and Technology Services

Here at Aspotogan Heritage Trust, we offer several services for both the general public and the wider business community. We can save you time and money by not having to drive to Halifax or Bridgewater

The information below summarizes what we can offer and their related costs:

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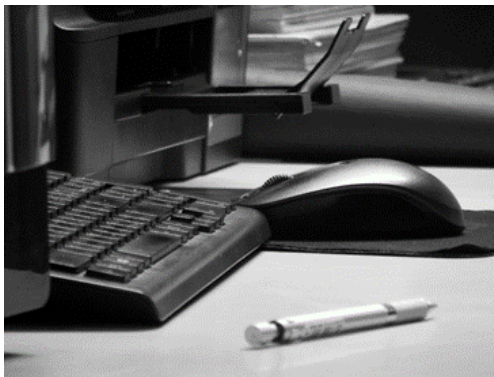
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| Per Book  | \$1.00 |
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Call or email to see if it is something that we can help you with at our office in Hubbards

*Bulk printing requests and community group discounts may be applicable*



### Community Grants & Initiatives - Spring / Summer 2023

#### \$500 Grants

- Aspotogan Arts & Crafts** - annual show
- Blandford Seaside** - annual bus trip
- Hooked Rug Museum** - marketing
- Hubbards Radio Station** - kitchen party fundraiser
- Hubbards Area Business Association** - business expo
- Peggy's Cove Festival of the Arts** - art show
- Through The Years Early Learning Centre** - Golf Tournament

#### Over \$500 Grant

- Jr. Achievement** - in-school programing—\$1500

#### Community Initiatives

- Red Cross Wildfire Fund**— \$2500
- ARA Newsletter** - \$500
- Scholarship** - \$1000
- Community Wheels** - \$10,000

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**2023 Community Allocation to date** **\$ 19,000**

#### Grants

The Aspotogan Heritage Trust “invests in the visions” of our community groups and organizations through our grant programs. Grants are available at two levels, \$500 or less and over \$500. These cover both community events and larger community development and infrastructure projects. Applications from individuals or businesses are not accepted. [Please review the grant guidelines before completing the application.](#)

#### Scholarships

The Aspotogan Heritage Trust is pleased to provide scholarships to graduating students from Forest Heights Community School and Bay View High School who are attending post-secondary studies at the University and College level. Two \$500 scholarships are awarded to each school annually. Aspotogan Heritage Trust provides scholarships to students that meet the following criteria:

- Student must reside in the communities between and including, East River to Black Point (home postal codes BOJ 1T0, BOJ 1C0 and BOJ 1B0 only)
- Student must provide a current transcript, a reference letter and a personal essay about their community and school involvement

**Applications available for download on our website or at the school guidance offices**

**Application forms for all Community Development Grants can be found online at [www.aspotogan.org](http://www.aspotogan.org)**

**Best wishes for a Happy Holiday season**  
from the Board of Directors and staff of the  
Aspotogan Heritage Trust

Our office will be closing December 22 and  
re-opening for 2024 on January 2



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#### SHOP LOCAL & SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club invites you to visit our mobile Pro Shop, located at the Aspotogan Heritage Trust office until the course re-opens in the Spring.

Gift certificates, rounds of golf, carts, clothing and accessories, plus a full range of the 2024 membership packages are available. Not a golfer...not a problem, pick up a gift certificate to use at the Parkwood Grill.

**Aspotogan Ridge**

**Where Everyone is Welcome!**

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