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The Beacon

Masons Island Beautiful Beach Preserved

MICA and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) have cooperated in the purchase of the northern end of Masons Island.

A favorite of boaters and picnickers from many parts of the bay, the natural land borders on the existing section of the island owned by MODL, which will also fall under a stewardship agreement with MICA. The roughly eight acres of environmentally sensitive land will be owned by MODL.



MICA contributed \$106,000 to the purchase and acquisition costs and handed over the cheque Jan. 15. MICA members and friends responded to a call, and nearly matched the requested funds.

MICA facilitates transfer of four more islands

MICA has successfully arranged for 16 hectares of islands to be donated by the members of the Long Island Preservation Society (LIPS) for the use and enjoyment of all.

The members of LIPS donated the Mahone Bay islands of Long, Dry, Centre and Snipe islands to the province. MICA paid the costs of the transfer and have undertaken to be the stewards of these islands.

This transfer to public ownership complements previous work the province

and MICA have done to help preserve Andrews, Backmans and Covey islands.

"These four islands represent valuable pieces of Nova Scotia," said MICA Chair John Meisner. "We are pleased to see that these islands will continue to provide traditional, social and recreational opportunities for all Nova Scotians and visitors to our beautiful province."

It is an area rich in

natural beauty with high tourist and travel appeal.

"These islands are some of our province's treasures," said LIPS member Jim Eisenhauer. "We want to make sure that they are used in a way that is fitting for their pristine beauty and rare coastal lands.

"The agreement lets us rest easy that the land will be kept in its natural state and be available for recreational activities for all Nova Scotians."

CONSERVE THE ISLANDS

NO LITTERING:
pack it in, pack it out;
keep it clean.

KEEP PETS ON LEASH:
Do not disturb wildlife

**DO NOT LEAVE CAMPFIRES
 UNATTENDED**
Keep fires small

OBSERVE FIRE BANS

BURY HUMAN WASTE:
*Or remove and place in
 your boat's storage
 system.*



*Donors can now
 contribute to MICA
 through
 CanadaHelps.org,
 including ordering gift
 cards.*

*If you received this
 newsletter by mail, but
 could receive it by email,
 please send an email to
 info@mahoneislands.ns.ca.*

Message from the chair to members and friends of MICA

We are entering our sixth year since incorporation as a Society. In this period, we have made a number of significant island acquisitions. We partnered with the Province of Nova Scotia to acquire Andrews, Backmans and Covey Islands. We partnered with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg to acquire the northern

end of Masons Island. In addition, we facilitated the donation of Long Centre, Dry and Snipe islands by the Long Island Preservation Society to the Province.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our members and friends who have helped make these accomplishments possible.

It is important to

continue our work of acquiring suitable island properties in Mahone Bay. We are currently working on other projects that, if successful, will complement our recent acquisitions.

Further success will only be possible with the continued support of our members and friends.

Thank you,
 John Meisner

MICA makes it easier to donate

MICA has added new ways to donate. We joined CanadaHelps.org; an established charitable-giving web site that enables you to donate to MICA, buy charitable gift cards, or set up a monthly donation. A

business can set up a mini-website for its staff to donate to MICA, or individuals can do the same for a birthday or anniversary, asking for donations to MICA instead of other gifts.

We accept bequests, as well as memorial donations, and send out

acknowledgments.

We accept publicly traded securities, a donation that avoids capital gains tax in Canada

You can still donate through MICA's web site using Paypal portal, or by cheque and snail mail.

Who's Who at MICA - 2007/2008

Executives

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Michael Ernst, Chair Stewardship &
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Karen Janigan, Co-Chair Membership &
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Barbara Wuertz, Web site, 531-2179

Public Workshop on Coastal Erosion and Conservation

Balancing development and conservation

The Chester Working Group of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust and the Mahone Islands Conservation Association are pleased to present a public workshop on Coastal Erosion and Conservation with Guest Speaker Bob Taylor of the Geological Survey of Canada Atlantic.

The workshop will take place from 1:30 – 5 p.m. at the Indian Point Fire Hall, Saturday, May 10, 2008.

While the workshop is free, donations towards expenses would be appreciated.

For more information email info@mahoneislands.ns.ca

Events of Interest

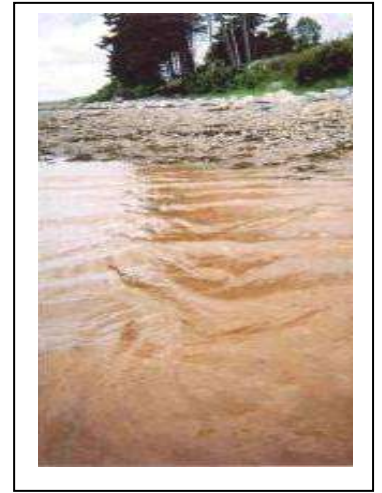
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| May 10 | Coastal erosion and conservations workshop, Indian Point Fire Hall, 1:30 – 5 p.m. |
| June 10 | Annual General Meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Lunenburg Yacht Club. Membership renewals due. |
| July 18 | MICA hosts TGIF, 6:30 p.m., Lunenburg Yacht Club |
| November 7 | Gala Dinner and Auction, , Oak Island Resort & Spa |

Get active with MICA

Heading out to the islands for a swim or to hang out on the beach? Besides following the rules to conserve islands, you can help MICA by picking any garbage left by others on the islands MICA is taking care of and sending

us an email with the details or copying the form on Page 4. We also need people to submit any history or historic pictures of the Mahone Bay Islands as we build up a database. If you are interested in manning a

booth for MICA at August's Mahone Classic Boat Festival or September's Lunenburg Waterfront Seafood Festival or joining any committee call the director in charge of the committee or email info@mahoneislands.ns.ca.



Effects of erosion include ruining the shoreline habitat with sediment

*Directions to Indian Point Fire Hall:
From Highway 103, take Exit 10. At the "T" turn right toward Mahone Bay. Take the first left onto Oakland Road. Continue for six kilometers and turn right toward Indian Point. Drive over the small bridge, the fire hall will be on your left.*

*Please note our new address
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Shoreline Cleanup Data Card
 Please fill out this form

Cleanup Location

Location _____ Shoreline/Beach ___ Underwater ___

Date _____ Number of Helpers _____

Items Collected (approximate #)

Bags _____ Bait Containers _____ Cups/Plates/Utensils _____ Lighters _____

Beverage: Bottles _____ Cans _____ 6 or 8 pack Holders _____

Bleach/Cleaner Bottles _____ Oil/Lube Bottles _____

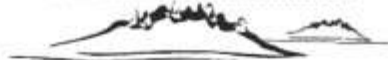
Clothing: Caps ___ Shirts ___ Shoes ___ Rope _____ Shotgun Shells _____

Buoys/Floats _____ Crates _____ Toys _____ Building Materials _____

Fishing Line _____ Fishing Nets _____ Other _____

Time to renew membership in MICA

Mahone Islands Conservation Association
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Membership Renewal Form
 P.O. Box 427, Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia B0J 2E0 Canada



Name(s) _____
 (Please print)

Any changes in address, tel no. or email _____

Amount paid: \$10 for 2008-2009 ___, \$30 for 2008-2011 ___, \$50 for 2008-2013 ___

Additional Donation \$ _____

A charitable tax receipt will be issued for all donations other than membership fees.

Please make cheque payable to Mahone Islands Conservation Association or MICA.