

Town Name: Anchor Point

Type of ICSP: Collaborative ICSP-Bird Cove, Anchor Point & Flower's Cove

Prepared by: The Towns of Bird Cove, Anchor Point and Flower's Cove

### **Anchor Point**

Pop: 325

Inc. 1974

Anchor Point is the oldest English community on the Northern Peninsula having been settled in the mid-1700s. It has the oldest consecrated cemetery on the Peninsula. The Town's economy is centered around fishing. Although there has been a downturn in the economy, the population has remained relatively stable. The Town is trying to increase regional cooperation.

The three towns are located in the same geographical region but are located in two different political districts, development association regions and zonal board areas. All three communities are members of MNL, Great Northern Peninsula Joint Council, and Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board. The towns are a part of the Federal District of Humber-St. Barbe-Baie Verte, the St. Anthony to Port Au-Choix Region of the Rural Secretariat and serviced by the same Community Business Development Corporation.

### **Collaboration/Partnerships**

- Each town pays its own fee and is a member of the Great Northern Peninsula Joint Council
- The three towns are part of sub-region three of the Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board
- Have members participating on the Regional Collaborative Committee
- Fall under the St. Anthony-Port Au Choix Region of the Rural Secretariat
- Bird Cove falls under Zone 7 Red Ochre Regional Board while Anchor Point and Flower's Cove fall under Zone 6 Nordic Economic Development Corporation
- Youth Center targets youth from ages 12-18 and encourages participation in sports, recreation and cultural activities
- Bird Cove is in collaboration with fourteen communities (Castors River South to St. Barbe) to provide the services of the St. Barbe Community Youth Network.

### **Anchor Point Initiatives**

- Funding secured through Municipal Affairs on a coast shared basis for the Regional Arena in the LSD of Pigeon Cove-St. Barbe in 1997-completed in 2001. The arena is used by 28 communities and has had many renovations. This arena is a valuable asset for the region
- Deep Cove ski-hut and ski/hiking trail was developed in 1990 through the efforts of the Town, the Recreation Committee and various Government Agencies. 13

- communities use this scenic trail and renovations and upgrades have been ongoing with collaborations with the Straits Development Association, Service Canada, INTRD and the International Grenfell Association.
- Deep Cove Winterhousing site/board walk showcases a heritage trail for tourists displaying the winterhousing tradition of Anchor Point
  - An ATV trail was constructed in 2008 by local ATV user's through donations and funding.

#### **Issues that Arose through the consultation process**

- Have a full slate of councilors, but all were acclaimed
- Do not have an Emergency Management Plan
- Full-time Clerk-only part time Maintenance Person
- Somewhat dependent on various Departments i.e. Department of Environment and Conservation, Water Resources Management Division Training Department
- Have an unrestricted surplus which allows us to deal with minor emergencies
- Due to the small size of the towns; recreation is done on a regional basis i.e. minor hockey, figure skating, skiing, darts, card games and snowmobile trails
- Water system in approximately 30 years old-recent improvements have been done to the pump house, however, out in ground is in need of constant repair and will require major expenditures in the near future
- Roads in desperate need of repair
- More regional cooperation would be beneficial.

#### **Community/Sustainability Vision (no vision statement)**

- A culture of thinking regionally for innovative and sustainable development
- Promote, produce and sustain an educated population that utilizes its unique cultural heritage
- Provision of opportunities for youth to stay, or return, to meaningful employment and have a good quality of life
- Create an atmosphere for regional business growth utilizing natural resources and the local labour force in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner
- To develop transportation, communication, health and education services to accommodate the changing demographic needs and future developments.

To gauge community goals a survey was sent to all residents. 75% of the 260 surveys were returned.

#### **Community/Sustainability Projects**

##### **Governance Projects**

- Amalgamate three towns
- Complete feasibility study-\$35,000-funding source Municipal Affairs
- Maintain documented policies and procedures
- Maintain appropriate staff
- Develop a Municipal Plan-\$50,000-Municipal Affairs
- Examine tax and fee structure-\$2000

### Economic Projects

- Establish an Economic Committee of Council
- Improve Partnerships (RED Boards, Development Associations and Businesses)
- Develop a council appreciation day for business
- Explore and develop tourism potential

### Environmental Projects

- Energy audit of all Town buildings-\$1,000-Budget
- Establish an Environment Committee of Council-\$200-Budget
- Continue to work with the Regional Waste Management Board
- Explore alternate energy sources

### Social Projects

- Establish a Social Committee of Council-\$0
- Social Housing-\$25,000
- More community events
- Engage youth and seniors
- Encourage participation in Municipal process
- Increased communication with residents

### Cultural Projects

- Create heritage site regulations-\$2,500
- Preserve existing buildings and features-\$85,000-Various Government Agencies
- Big Droke Festival, Flower's Cove Winter Carnival, Anchor Point/Deep Cove Day-\$40,000-HRLE, Heritage Canada
- Develop a regional museum
- Create a living record-\$5,000-TBD

### **Monitoring and Implementation**

The three Towns will act collaboratively to ensure that all projects are on track, and that the plan is working effectively. A steering committee has been established between the three towns. This committee will be directly responsible for ensuring that the ICSP Plan is on track. The steering committee will be responsible for scheduling meetings with all partners involved and provide at these meetings updates and reports on the progress to date. The steering committee will meet every three months and is comprised of each Town's Mayor and one staff member from each town. At these meetings partners will be updated on the progress of projects.