

Policy governing prominent Lunenburgers approved

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LUNENBURG — Town council has approved a procedural policy that outlines the manner through which it will determine recognition of "prominent Lunenburgers" and in what way they will be honoured.

The issue came to light last December when Karl Falkenham, a long-time friend of legendary blues musician Dutch Mason, suggested a permanent monument be erected in his memory in town.

Mr. Mason, who died December 23, 2006, was born in Lunenburg in 1938 and lived in Masons Beach for 11 years before moving to Kentville with his family.

He later went on to international fame as a singer, songwriter and musician, earning the nickname "Prime Minister of the Blues."

Following Mr. Falkenham's request, council decided to develop a policy governing prominent Lunenburgers, to determine a process for nominations as well as eligibility and the manner through which nominations will be reviewed.

Nominations will now be accepted for individuals, organizations, groups and teams who may be recognized for their accomplishments in a variety of areas, and could include a one-time event or a lifetime of achievement that is outstanding.

To be eligible, nominees must have been born, lived a portion of their life, or been based in Lunenburg or have operated a business or practice in the town for a substantial period of time.

Nominations must first gain approval of the heritage advisory committee, after which they will be reviewed by council, who has the final decision on acceptance.

If approved, the town will hold a ceremony for the successful nominee "when appropriate to officially announce their recognition."



Covey Island Boatworks president John Steele, foreground, confirmed that the company has no plans to leave Riverport. He was speaking at the Riverport Board of Trade annual lobster supper on May 26 at the Riverport community hall. In the background is board of trade director Don Zwicker.

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The future is now bright *Covey Island Boatworks optimistic about future*

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RIVERPORT — President of Covey Island Boatworks John Steele confirmed last week the business has no plans to move out of Kraut Point in Riverport.

Mr. Steele was speaking at the annual lobster supper on May 26, organized by the Riverport Board of Trade.

A fire destroyed its Petite Riviere location in August last year. Initially, setting up a facility in Riverport was meant as a temporary measure, but Mr. Steele said there are no plans to abandon the facility.

"The facility here is great," he said following a slide presentation to the Riverport Board of Trade.

However, Mr. Steele did note negotiations are ongoing to obtain a Lunenburg waterfront property. But, he said, it will be an expansion of its Riverport facility.

"We had never planned to move out of Petite. Our plan in Petite was to expand

into Lunenburg," he said, noting the town offers access to an additional market sector. "It was an expansion and growth into Lunenburg. [But] we lost Petite. What we are planning and hoping is Riverport will replace Petite and Lunenburg will still be the same expansion and growth."

The intention of the company is to reopen the former Smith and Rhuland Shipyard in Lunenburg.

"We're working on developing a business plan. We've had to hire a number of consultants. We've had to research. We've had to look at options for resolving problems with the facility. We're going to have to replace and upgrade the facility. We're going to have to raise money. And, we're well into that process, but there are so many variables," added Mr. Steele.

However, the company president remains positive about its future in Riverport and Lunenburg despite the fire that burned the facility to the ground, taking a major project with it. But the fire wasn't

the only major issue the company had to contend with last year.

Mr. Steele said it was a difficult year for the company that was established on Covey Island in 1979 to build custom kayaks and canoes. The fire that destroyed its home since 1987 not only set the company back on its plans for expansion, but last October the business also lost a large project. So, recouping from the devastation was more difficult than Mr. Steele anticipated.

"It was another four or five months before we had a project to replace that [the project that was lost]," said Mr. Steele. But 2009 is looking bright for the custom-sailing and motor-yachts facility that has built about 90 custom vessels.

"We've got a great project we just started. It's going to be about 16 months and we're about one month into it," said Mr. Steele. "We've got several very large projects that we're negotiating so we're pretty optimistic."

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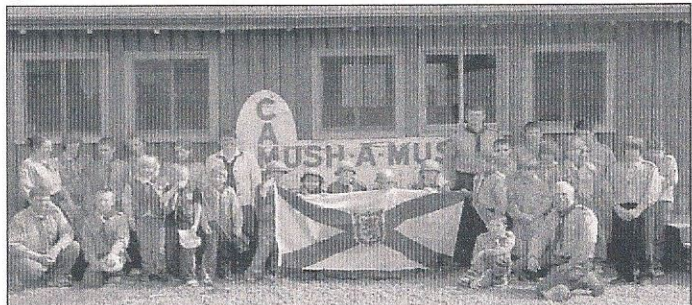
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