

# The Bear River Tributary

Panorama of Bear River, N.S.



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## It's Snow Time!

Feb 14, 15, 16

### The Village will be holding a Winter Carnival.

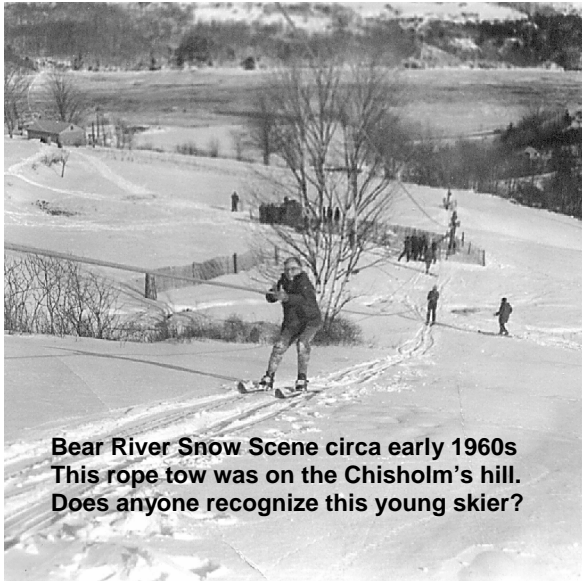
Weather permitting there will be ice sculpture competition, four-wheeler races, cross country skiing

On Friday, the 15:

Old Fashioned Food Competition: Bring a sample of your favourite old recipe to the BR Legion by 2:00p.m. At 4:00 the Ladies auxiliary will be holding a supper at , followed by a dance.

Feb. 17 will be Fun Day with fun winter activities for the whole family.

For further information please contact  
Cindy Bowers 467-3154.



**Bear River Snow Scene circa early 1960s**  
**This rope tow was on the Chisholm's hill.**  
**Does anyone recognize this young skier?**

## A Reminder

Make sure you return your water survey to the Municipality of Digby or Annapolis before the end of the month. If you have not received a copy of the survey and would like to, they are available at the Cherry Brook Grocery.

## Bear River Board of Trade News

The January Meeting of the Bear River Board of Trade identified the repair and upgrade of the boardwalk at the waterfront park as a top priority at this time. The Board of Trade has appointed a committee, led by Gerry Chute, to work toward this goal with support from the Regional Development Authority. Anyone with ideas, or who wishes to help, please contact Gerry Chute at 467-0956.

To compliment the upgrade of the waterfront infrastructure, the BOT is looking for organizations to "sponsor a garden" in the waterfront park area. If you are interested, contact Angela McMullen at [angelamcmullen@eastlink.ca](mailto:angelamcmullen@eastlink.ca).

The Bear River website is being updated and the BOT is looking for submissions from community groups and organizations to describe their activities in the village. These listings will be included free of charge. The Board is also looking for submissions of photography, stories/anecdotes, reminiscences etc. from anyone in the community about the village, life in the village etc. These can also be forwarded to Angela McMullen. If you haven't visited the website it's: [www.bearriver.ca](http://www.bearriver.ca). You can also read the Tributary there.

The Board of Trade has also moved forward with the effort to bring King's Transit to Bear River and hopes to have positive news on this in the near future.

And finally, in response to expressed concern that that the BOT activities are biased toward local *business* interests - rather than *community* interests, president Bob Benson made a historical presentation that pointed out numerous initiatives that the BOT has spearheaded over the past 25 years. These include, maintenance of the "swimming hole", sponsorship of Katimavik groups, the solar aquatic sewage system, Canada Day events and the maintenance of the waterfront park facilities ... (to name just a few).

**Annual General meeting of the Board of Trade will be:**  
**Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 at the Fire hall.**

**Everyone welcome**

## Family Fun Day

Join us at the Oakdene Centre on February 9th for **Winter Fun Day**, 2 - 4 PM; all equipment provided thanks to Andre Bouchard and Annapolis Active Living. **FREE** and open to all ages---grab the kids and your parka and get some great exercise and family time. (Indoor fun if it's raining!)

Read the Tributary on line at the Bear River Board of Trade site [www.bearriver.ca](http://www.bearriver.ca).

### Social Notes

Flora Doehler and Larry Knox enjoyed a visit from their son Jesse over the holidays. Flora and Larry are now renting a studio space at Oakdene to practice their artistic skills.

The Christmas lights are mostly put away now, but there were some great displays this year. The Best lights award goes to Teresa Henshaw—well done!

### Birthdays in the News

Belated Birthday Greetings to Joe Norton Jan. 21. Joe has recently moved to Morganville from Ontario.

**Celebrating Birthdays in February:** Lila Harris, Feb. 13. Steven St. Louis, Feb. 16. Ruby Porter, Feb. 17. Zoë Knorek-Onysko, Feb. 25 and Paula Saccente who celebrates her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> (you do the math!)

### Condolences

Sympathy extended to family and friends of Malcolm Muir who recently passed away.

### BREDS Silent Auction

The Bear River Economic Development Society is holding a Silent Auction Feb. 9 at the Lions Hall in Deep Brook.  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Monthly Coffee Houses Starting

Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>

At the Oakdene Centre Doors open at 7 p.m.  
Bear River Music Society is holding the first of a series of Coffee Houses. Open mike hosted by Cody Peck.  
\$8 at the door – memberships available.  
Be green! Bring your own coffee mug!

### Bear River and Area Clinic

The annual general meeting of the Bear River and Area Health Clinic will be on Tuesday, Feb. 12.  
Everyone is Welcome.  
New members are urgently needed.  
Call Leslie Harris at 467-3636 for more information.

### Attention Writers! ...

Are you an author, budding author, wanna-be author or just someone who likes to scribble? Perhaps you would like to mingle with like-minded scribes? If so, a new writer's group is being formed and you can get more information on this by emailing Angela McMullen at [angelamcmullen@eastlink.ca](mailto:angelamcmullen@eastlink.ca)

### Raffle Tickets Still Available!

There are still tickets on the Bear River Historical Society fundraiser raffle for the Charles Couper painting. Proceeds from the raffle go toward renovation of the Green Lantern building. For information contact Zoë Knorek-Onysko 467-0268.

### Bear River Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Darryl Jelfs would like to thank all the members for all the hard work and Volunteering you have done over the past year...

In 2007 Our Fire Fighters responded to a total of 75 fire calls

**Joe Murrell** achieved 25 years in the Fire Service in April of 2007; **Barry Snow** set a milestone of 20 years Service in the Bear River Fire Dept. in December of 2007,

Four new members joined the Dept. in 2007, **Myron Burt, Cody Joudry, Grant Lowry and Pierre Martel.**

1<sup>st</sup> Captain **Adrian Cox** has been accepted into the R.C.M.P., Good Luck in your new career.

The new Generator room was started and should be completed soon.

**We owe a debt of gratitude to these hard working people who make our lives in this community safer.**

**This month's Fire Prevention tip:** During the cold weather please be extra careful and follow all the best safety practices when using the various types of heating appliances you have in your home.

A reminder: the next breakfast is February 2, 2008 at the Bear River Fire Hall from 7-10 a.m.

(please visit our website at [www.bearriverfd.piczo.com](http://www.bearriverfd.piczo.com))

**BRIDGS:** Meets second Wed. each month at the Youth Centre, 7:30. Everyone Welcome.

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**Bear River and Area Clinic:** Board meets first Tuesday each month at 7:00. New Members needed.

**Amnesty International** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. each month in the United Church Vestry, 7pm-8pm.

**Oakdene Centre:** Card Parties Tuesdays at 7p.m.

**Legion Ladies' Aux:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. each month in Aux room at Legion at 7:30

**Bear River Board of Trade meetings:-** second Thursday each month, 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall.

**Seniors' Exercise Classes:** Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11 at the Christian Advent Church. Sponsored by the Digby Recreational Dept.

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