

# PORT BLANDFORD: 50 and Counting

## COMMENTS WRITTEN ON TIMELINE BOARDS AT APPLEFEST 2021

### WHAT MEMORIES OF PORT BLANDFORD ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

#### 1970s

- 1<sup>st</sup> recreation committee set up early 70s – Calvin Efford, Lottie Pelley, Bill Harris, Ray and Joyce Greening, Bertha Peddle, Walter Greening (sorry if we missed someone)
- 1978 Alton United Church new building
- Our float in Christmas parade was Fred Flintstone. I have pictures.
- Sheila Garrett first town clerk. Roy Adams chair of the local service district.
- 1974-78 softball field was built. Lottie Pelley, Joyce Greening spearheaded softball league. 3 teams of girls (will never forget the uniforms!) – red breasts, yellow hammers, and bluebirds.

#### 1980s

- 1984 Golf course opened
- Last train went through 1985ish

#### 1990s

- Bought small cottage in PB 1990, sold it 2011
- PB gets cable tv. It was set up and the community channel introduced during a weekend conference called “Planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. (I wrote the proposal for funding from provincial government.) There is a VHS tape floating around somewhere. Continuing Studies MUN filmed the footage.

#### 2000s

- I moved here!
- Bought property Bunyan’s Cove
- Have fun with my friends
- Burning brush in 2009 and getting ready to build our cabin on Southern Shore Drive. Enjoying countless sunsets and tall aspen trees!!

#### 2010s

- Getting our playground!
- Playing spotlight late at night
- The first AppleFest – so much fun
- 2016 left Kitchener, ON, moved here, love it!
- 2021 left Hamilton, ON, and moved here
- 2021 came back to NL after 20+ years in Ontario
- 2019 the first AppleFest – yes! That!
- Running around at the third AppleFest

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PORT BLANDFORD?

- A great sense of community
- AppleFest
- The lovely peaceful Clode Sound
- The wonderful sunsets from my house
- Had a lot of fun!
- Great weather
- All the activities for all ages, from the playground to bingo to golf to sewing. Something for everyone!
- Everything
- The eagles and the osprey and the yellowlegs
- Love the people
- Community spirit
- Beautiful sunrises and sunsets! Best in the world.
- Everything
- So many great volunteers – everything good about Port Blandford is because of them.
- Family
- Perfect location in NL
- AppleFest
- It has it all:
  - Salmon fishing
  - Cod fishing
  - Golfing
  - Kayaking
  - Hiking
  - Skidoo / ATV trails
  - Snowshoeing, cross country skiing
  - Etc.
- The awesome mayor

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HERE IN THE FUTURE?

- A small apple orchard owned by residents of PB – to support our growing reputation of AppleFest – yes!
- Skatepark
- More hiking trails
- Improved roads
- Mountain bike trails
- More bike trails
- Hiking trails
- More landscaping / flowers around town – sides of roads
- More street lighting
- Recycling program
- A trail with a view of PB and Clode Sound
- Walking trails
- It's perfect enough!