



AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

*Please circulate to all members of
your hall committee.*

ARCH NEWS

Association of Rural Community Halls

Recent News in the ARCH Community:

- Renewal Forms
- “Picnic” Anywhere Contest
- New Horizons For Seniors Program
- “Calling All Members to Sit on The Board”

Membership Forms for New Members



A reminder to all the halls that the renewal form can be found on our homepage at archpei.com titled **ARCH Membership Form** to renew for this year April 1st, 2011- March 31st, 2012. Membership fee is only 50 dollars!

Some of the benefits include:

- ✓ An opportunity to sit on the board
- ✓ Lower cost to attend a workshop
- ✓ Members have access to our funding page on archpei.com
- ✓ Opportunity to share ideas and learn from one another

If you are not sure if you have paid or have not yet paid and don't have a username and password, please contact Wayne at info@archpei.com.

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A “Picnic Anywhere” Contest

What is it?

It is a contest across Canada where a community undergoes a “facelift” to rejuvenate the community. This space can be a park, playground, pond, field, patio deck for outdoor activities or the creation of a gazebo! The space has to provide a great benefit to your community.

What are the prizes?

1st prize- \$100,000

2nd prize- \$10,000

3rd prize- \$10,000

4th prize- \$10,000

5th prize- \$10,000

How do you apply? Log into Facebook, and search the keyword “Schneiders”, then hit the “like” button.

When do we need to apply by?

The entire contest is broken down into five phases. The phase that applicants should be most concerned is Phase 1. Here is a quick summary:

**Phase one-* deadline Aug 5th.

Phase two- Aug 6th- Aug 12th – judging takes place for all submissions through Facebook. It is here when judges will make decision on the five winners.

Phase three- Aug 15th- September 9th- Five winners that were chosen in Phase two will submit a video related to their project.

Phase four- Sept 10th- Sept 13th- Judges will make sure all five applicants from Phase 3 are in accordance with the provisions as set out in the official rules.

Phase five- Sept 14th- 28th – Eligible voters will then vote for their choice of the grand winner.

***What do I need to provide to be eligible?**

Applicants need a project proposal title, a location where the upgrade will occur and a description of the project proposal. Applicants will also need to provide the name of the community or municipality that will receive the “facelift” and a contact name of the community/municipality. Applicants will need to provide 3 photos (the space where the renovations will take place).

New Horizons for Seniors Program

Free promotion for your events!

Visit these sites:

kijiji.ca

usedpei.com

buysellandtrade.com

Why does it exist?

NHSP helps to ensure that seniors can benefit from the quality of life in their communities through active living and participation in their communities.

NHSP’s community based projects need to be inspired by or led by seniors, be volunteer based and supported by their communities.

What qualifies as a NHSP?

To qualify as a NHSP one of the following four objectives has to be met:

Does it promote volunteerism among seniors to attract and/ or retain seniors and the next generation of seniors?

Does it engage seniors in the community through the mentoring with others?

Does it expand awareness of elder abuse including financial abuse?

Does it support social participation of senior?

*** In achieving one of the objectives above, applicants can choose projects that provide for capital assistance such as the renovation to an existing senior’s community facility or the purchase of replacement equipment.

AND

One of the following priorities:

Engage seniors to contribute to the community.

Transfer the skills and experience of elders in aboriginal communities.



Community of Linkletter

What's New?

There is now a page on Facebook called PEIConnect where all our community halls can share information! Address is www.facebook.com/PEIConnect

Seniors must transfer their skills and experience to younger generations and other seniors.

Programs must raise public awareness of elder abuse.

Programs must offer lifelong learning.

Programs must address the risk of social isolation experienced by some seniors.

In addition to promoting your event on our website, here is the link to The Guardian for Community Events: <http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/Add-Event>

What is the financial limit?

Maximum reward is \$25, 000

When do applications have to be submitted by?

Applications have to be in by September 16th, 2011

What are eligible costs to be covered?

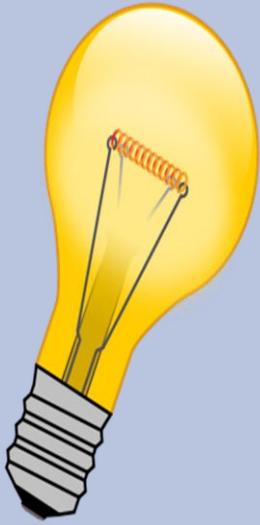
Eligible- Costs must be directly related to the activities being done.

Examples- Halls could sponsor seniors' activities such as community kitchens, musical lessons in the evenings or if senior activities are already happening in your hall NHSP programs can focus on equipment replacement such as new furnaces, stoves, windows or insulation. Anything that improves the experience of seniors is applicable such as paving a dangerous parking lot.



North Rustico Lions Club

Ineligible- Retroactive funding, Core operating costs (rent, taxes, insurance, and wages), purchase of land and buildings, and **any item that is personal/medical in nature** such as wheelchairs, defibrillators, first aid equipment, walkers (the reasoning is that NHSP is not a health related program but a program where seniors can benefit from and contribute to their community).



What are some tips that may help my application to be considered?

- Give details on the project and how they tie into an objective and a priority.
- Explain the importance of the project to seniors in the community.
- Separate the project from the on- going activities in the community.
- Emphasis on how this application provides for sustainability in your community.
- Explain the role of seniors in the application and how they are involved.
- Explain the role volunteers will play.
- If applicable, explain how a partnership was formed and how information was shared.
- Make sure costs are reasonable.
- Explain the benefits of any project participant may enjoy.
- Don't cram information all together- use as much space as needed.

Are there any other pieces of information that I may need to send in?

- ✓ A letter of support is needed. The group sending the letter of support needs to provide a short description of who they are. This description lets the judges know that the group knows the applicant, supports the applicant, and understands what the application is all about and why it is important to the community.
- ✓ Phone numbers/ email addresses of someone who can be easily reached.
- ✓ Legitimacy documents- by laws, incorporation etc.
- ✓ If applicable, lease/ownership papers.

*For more information, please visit the following website
http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml*



“Calling All Members to Sit on the Board”

ARCH PEI is presently recruiting members for their board! We need fresh, new, enthusiastic faces to represent all our member halls across our beautiful island! If interested please contact Wayne at info@archpei.com.

As a not for profit entity, ARCH PEI has received funding through the Skills PEI Community Internship Program, and the new intern, Wayne Curran, will be your contact for the next 5 months. Wayne looks forward in communicating with all of ARCH's members!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW OUR FUNDING PAGE, PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS AND TO PROMOTE ARCH! WWW.ARCHPEI.COM