

New Aberdeen Neighbourhood Newsletter



The Historic "No. 2" Issue 1, Spring 2020

*Brought to you by the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society,
Warden United Church, and the Tompkins Institute (CBU)*

Our unique neighbourhood

New Aberdeen was formed at the turn of the 20th century and named after former Governor General John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, the Earl of Aberdeen. About 4,000 people made up the original community, which was served by a range of businesses, churches, schools, trolleys, and a hotel. The major employer was the Dominion Coal Company. Even today, the neighbourhood is known as the No. 2, after the No. 2 colliery.

The No. 2 has always been a close-knit community. Many residents and former residents have fond memories of large families supporting one another.

We are proud of our historic homes and sites, our magnificent views, our school, and our friendly neighbourhood. It is a great place to live and raise a family.

If you have stories or photos to share, please send them to terryriles@xplornet.com



New Aberdeen Colliery, ca. 1910. 78-1183-2933.
Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University.

Colouring Contest!

Full contest
details on
page 3.

You could win a
prize of \$75!

Thanks to artist Kenny
Boone for creating
the image.



From the New Aberdeen Revitalization Society

A community newsletter is a great way to promote a community or area. It is unique for the New Aberdeen area to have its own newsletter; I believe it is the only one in the Glace Bay area. Please make use of this opportunity to continue to build a sense of community in New Aberdeen. If you have any ideas, information, or photos to share, please send them along. We would love to hear from you!

Thanks to everyone who works to create a sense of community in New Aberdeen, including the wonderful people of Warden United Church and Reverend Alison Etter; and a special thank you to Cletus O'Neill of Cletus Corner Convenience. Cletus has been a terrific supporter of so many of our neighbourhood ventures. I would ask that you patronize his business whenever you can. This is a very difficult time for businesses, especially for small businesses. Strength comes from supporting our community enterprises and working together.

In closing, I will share a comment that was said to me several years ago. While purchasing a ticket from an individual from another area of the CBRM, he congratulated me for being the champion of lost causes. He was referring to my

efforts to keep John Bernard Croak Elementary School open, and my involvement with the New Aberdeen Revitalization and Affordable Housing Society. Smiling, I looked him straight in the eyes and replied, "Hold that thought."

JBC is going very well, looking as good as it did when it opened. There is a sense of pride and positivity in the New Aberdeen area. I sure hope we meet again, so I can ask him how he likes the taste of crow!

Stay busy and help your community!

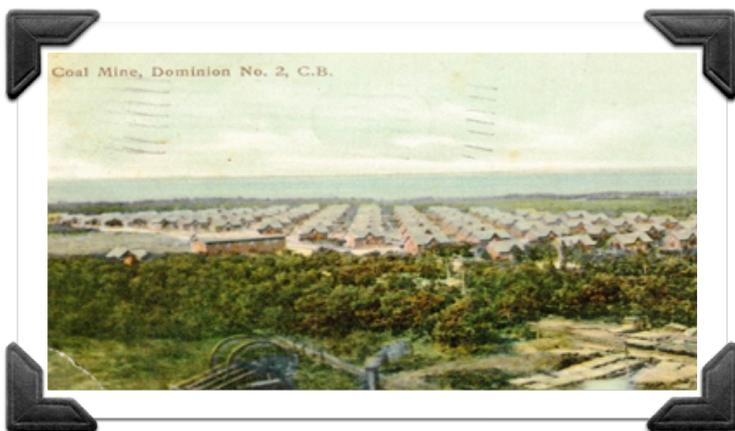
We need help planting the community garden. We've got the soil and seeds, we need you to help the plants grow! We'll provide either vegetable or flower seeds and the soil; we ask you to start the seeds at home and nourish them until we can transplant. Seeds can be planted in egg cartons, paper towel rolls, bathroom tissue rolls, juice boxes, etc. When it is safe to gather outdoors again, we will have a garden party to transplant at the Darrell Flynn Memorial Garden. If you'd like to get some seeds & soil and start planting let us know on Facebook at New Aberdeen Revitalization Affordable Housing Society or by email at newaberdeensociety@gmail.com

Let's all do our part to keep the revitalization ball rolling - Al Moore, Society member

Introducing Terry Riles

Terry is working for the next six months as community development officer with Cape Breton University's Tompkins Institute. He will be helping with projects in our neighbourhood.

Hello! I am pleased to introduce myself to the neighbourhood of New Aberdeen. I grew up in North Sydney. In 1998, my wife and I and our small family moved to Alberta. I was very involved in the community there. For seven years, I served as the southern Alberta representative for Family and Community Support Services (FCSS). There are more than 160 FCSS offices in Alberta, providing support with issues ranging from early childhood development to homelessness and affordable



Dominion No. 2 Colliery, New Aberdeen, 1907. 84-768-14868. Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University.

From Warden United Church

Proud to be the church in the No. 2!

During these strange times, it gives me a lot of joy to look back on the past months and some of the uplifting times we have shared together as a community. Our snowman competition, St. Nicholas party, Lunch and Learns, and Good Food Bus markets were wonderful times. I have included a few pictures below, to remember.

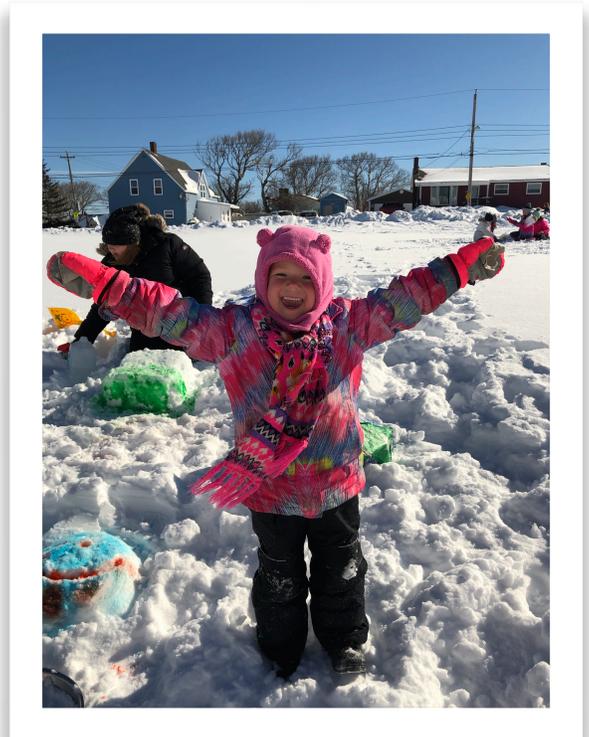
Our building is temporarily closed, due to COVID-19, but **the church is still here**. We are meeting by phone to pray for the whole community. And, we are here to listen, should you need any support or a listening ear. Do not hesitate to call me, Rev. Alison, at 849-6565 or alison.etter@bellaliant.net

Meeting online

We meet every Sunday morning at 11:30 for a telephone/computer worship. (Children meet at 11:00 am.) We'd be happy to have you join, even if you haven't been to church before. Simply call 849-6565 or check [facebook.com/wardenunitedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/wardenunitedchurch) for details. We also host online games nights and conversations.

Ecumenical church services are broadcast every Wednesday at noon at [facebook.com/GlaceBayChurches](https://www.facebook.com/GlaceBayChurches) and every Sunday at noon on the Coast Radio, 89.7 FM. Many of the churches in Glace Bay take part.

In the Christian church, one of the most important values is compassion, and I know this value has been shared throughout the years in the New Aberdeen neighbourhood. There are many stories of people helping one another in difficult times. Warden Church would like to help you right now! Please know we are with you



COLOURING CONTEST

AN OLD NEW ABERDEEN TRAM CAR!

(Yes, we had trolleys in our neighbourhood)
Sketch by Kenny Boone, who will also be the judge for the contest!

Colour the sketch and e-mail it to:
alison.etter@bellaliant.net
or send it by May 22, 2020, to:
Colouring Contest,
c/o Warden United Church,
PO Box 401
Glace Bay NS B1A 4J3

THREE AGE CATEGORIES:
6 and under; 7 to 10; 11 to 14.

PRIZE: \$75 in each age category.

Winners announced by June 1. We will display entries at Warden United Church once it re-opens after the pandemic.

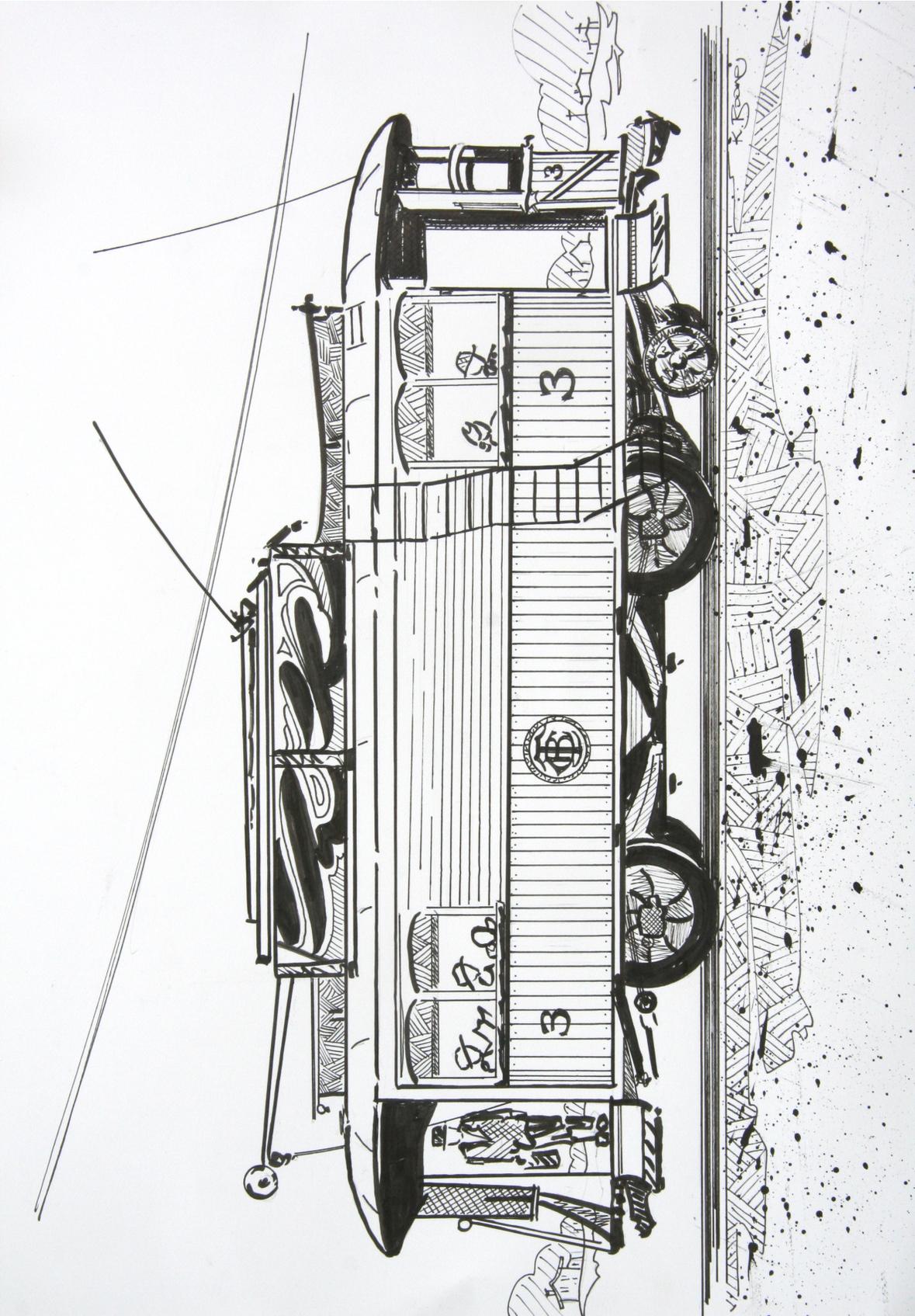
YOUR NAME: _____

AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL (if you have one): _____

TELEPHONE: _____



ARE YOU SELF ISOLATING AND/OR UNABLE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE DUE TO COVID-19 IN GLACE BAY?

**A group of local volunteers are here
to help you!**

We want to make sure that all those required to self isolate are not leaving their house. Or, if you are a senior who does not wish to go out in public - this service may be for you.

We are here to run any errands deemed as necessities that are required to keep you healthy and safe at home.

Note: Any purchases made for you are required to be paid prior to delivery.

**IF YOU NEED US, PLEASE CONTACT US:
EMAIL: COVIDGLACEBAY@GMAIL.COM
TELEPHONE (12PM-4PM): 902-849-2449**



**-Future Ready Youth Society
#BayItForward
Town House Citizens Service League**

New Aberdeen's Olympian

by Al Moore

Joseph "Joey" Mullins was born October 18th, 1937; and grew up on 2nd Street, New Aberdeen. New Aberdeen resident Enos Peterson guided him to numerous victories, including every existing Nova Scotia high school track and field running event record, in the 1950s. At the time, he was considered the fastest runner in Eastern Canada; and was dubbed "King of the 880 yard run, in Canada".

As one competitor so aptly put it, "When Joey showed up, the rest of us were competing for second place." He represented Canada in the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, Wales. He and his teammates finished fourth, in the 4 x 400 metre relay event, against athletes from 34 other countries.

Joey was also a member of the Canadian Olympic contingent at the 1960 Summer Olympics, in Rome, Italy. He and his teammates performed well against athletes from 82 other countries, but their 4 x 400 metre relay team was eliminated in the first heat of the semi-finals. His personal best times were: 400m – 48.9 (1959); 800m – 1:48.3 (1959); 1500m – 3:53.45 (1960). These were all world class times for that period.

Joey attended the University of Nebraska on a scholarship. During those years, he was a standout member of their track and field team. He captured several university conference and United States indoor titles; including the world indoor record for the 600

yard run, in 1956. In 1960, Joe captained the track team, and was named the University of Nebraska's most outstanding athlete.

After graduation, Joe taught school and coached track and field in Van Burin, Maine. Joe was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1980; and the Cape Breton Sport Hall of Fame in 1999.

That kind of people

by Warna Fraser

They say it takes a village to bring up children and that was what we had in the #2. If you lived on First St. and something happened on Eleventh St., your parents knew about it before you got home. If you got hurt, people looked out for you.

In 1959, my father needed open heart surgery. He would have to go to Toronto for this surgery. His friend James "Brassie" MacPherson started a drive to raise money for my father to go. Now, you have to remember there was not much money in the #2 at the time. But the drive got started and spread throughout Glace Bay, especially among former residents of the #2, and enough money was raised for him to go to Toronto for an examination. As it turned out, the surgery couldn't be done at that time, so he returned home defeated.

Six months later, he got word they were ready to do the surgery so he returned to Toronto, once again with the help of the good people of New Aberdeen and Glace Bay. My dad was one of the first people to have open heart surgery in Canada. Around the same time, Cynthia Rogers, daughter of Perkie Rogers,

Business Notes

The staff here at **Cletus Corner Convenience Store** (115 West Ave.) would like to let everyone know that we are open regular hours 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. We have a limit of five people in the store at one time. You may reach the store by calling 902-849-6464. We hope everyone is

healthy and safe. And thank you for your patronage.

At **Vernon's Pizza** (10 Centre Ave.), we would like to thank everyone for their patronage for the years. We are open 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm daily to make the best pizza in New Aberdeen. If you have any questions, or to place a take out order, please call



About the artist: From traditional landscapes that brought him widespread recognition, **Kenny Boone** has taken his art in new and gutsy directions. Painting on stage alongside performing musicians and bands, he creates pieces that reflect the rhythms and energy of live music. The results are amazing: bold, expressive and alive, infused with colour and imagery. Kenny's art has always been distinctive providing a visual and emotional impact by virtue of compelling subject matter, technical sleight of hand, and a keen sense of colour and composition. Kenny can be reached at art@kennyboone.ca *Thank you to Kenny for preparing this artwork specially for the neighbourhood newsletter.*

