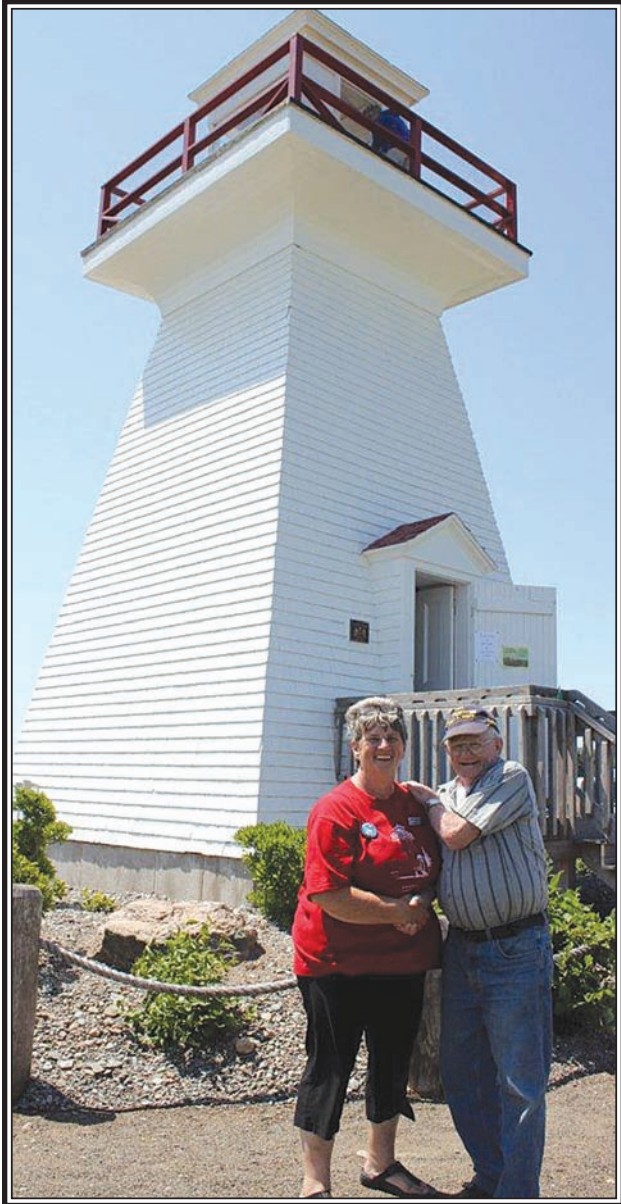


# Five Islands Lighthouse Gets Heritage Designation



Ron MacBurnie, grandson of the first lighthouse keeper, thanks Gloria Lewis, President of the Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society, for all her hard work.

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The “peppercot”- style lighthouse was built in the winter of 1913-14 and originally located near Sand Point. Ron recalls the lighthouse having to be moved back from the shoreline in 1952, 1957 and 1996 due to ero- sion. The final move, to the present location took place in 2008.

In 2001, the late Mrs. Gertrude Jenkins of Lower Five Islands generously donated 22-acres of coastal land, in memory of her foster son Cecil Shea, to the Municipality of Colchester for public recreational use. The land remained unused until 2008, when the Five Islands Lighthouse was moved to this location.

A ship playground, picnic shelter and walking paths were added in 2010. The

impressive 20 x 40 foot post-and-beam picnic shelter was designed by Arlington Timber Frame Company of Canning, NS.

A viewing telescope was added in 2012. The Park has one of the most gorgeous views along the Fundy Shore, taking in all five islands as well as the Old Wife (part of Five Islands Provincial Park), the Brothers (2 islands), Cape Blomidon and Cape Split.

The Park was officially opened on July 23rd, 2011 and a plaque was unveiled in appreciation of the late Gertrude Jenkins.

**The lighthouse is owned by the Municipality of Colchester and the Lighthouse Preservation Society operates it as a visitor attraction during July and August. Admission is free, with donations to the Society are gratefully accepted.**



Four year old Liam Galbraith climbed the lighthosue stairs with ease.



Mayor Bob Taylor unveiled the plaque designating the Five Islands Lighthouse a Municipal Heritage Property.

**Story and photos by Linda Harrington**

Sea breezes and sunshine! It was a gorgeous day in Five Islands on July 14th, a perfect day to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Five Islands Lighthouse.

Hundreds of people attended Lighthouse Day at Five Islands Lighthouse Park, an annual event organized by the Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society. This year’s event marked not only the 100th Anniversary but also the official recognition of the lighthouse as a Municipal Heritage Property.

Mayor Bob Taylor, accom- panied by District 10 Councillor Tom Taggart and President of the Lighthouse Preservation Society Gloria Taylor, unveiled the official plaque commemorating the county’s newest Heritage Property.

MLA Karen Casey present- ed Gloria Taylor with a certi- ficcate of congratulations on the 100th Anniversary on behalf of the Province of NS

The celebration included games for the kids, live music by Glendan MacBurnie and gang, a BBQ, face painting, fortune teller, birthday cake and tours of the lighthouse.

Ron MacBurnie was one of the first to offer his con- gratulations and express his appreciation to Gloria Lewis. Ron’s grandfather Cyrus MacBurnie was the first lighthouse keeper, coming morning and night to light the lamp. His uncle John MacBurnie and then John’s wife Dretta continued the family tradition until the lighthouse was electrified. “I grew up with the light- house,” says Ron, who has been a past member of the Society. “I am very happy to



Mayor Bob Taylor, Colchester Parks and Trails Co-ordinator Hilary Paquet and Councillor Tom Taggart pose for a photo with President of the Five Islands Lighthouse Preservation Society, Gloria Lewis.

A view that changes with the tide

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