

## A Child's Request

(through the eyes of a child)

Could you find me a circle of friends in a square  
 Could you please make them friends who really do care  
 I do wish for clowns with their noses of red  
 Or maybe some ponies or animals instead

For the child in all of us

Could you sing me the song of the wind and the wand  
 Could you tell me the story of the gold fish pond  
 Can you whisper my name and tell me it is true  
 That you once met an angel that watches over you

For the child in all of us

Could you tell me the tale of the puppet making man  
 Could you tell me the story of the crock and peter pan  
 Could you sprinkle magic dust into my hair  
 Please tell me the story that all of us share

For the child in all of us

Could you stay with me for just a short while  
 Can you make sure my dreams are dreams with a smile  
 Could you rock me to sleep in the way that you do  
 Please tell me the story please tell me it is true  
 That there is an angel an angel of blue

For the child in all of us  
 Yes! Yes! Yes! Child there is  
 An angel of blue!

God bless and thank-you  
 Thomas a. Marshall, (ex-navy)  
 A tribute to Terry Fox

# Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade

(Photos by Linda Harrington)



The 2021 OBFB Chief Officers are (left to right): Captain Derek Richard, Captain Clint Verheul, Chief Greg Muise, Deputy Chief Leo Morrow and Deputy Chief Darrell Currie.

## OBFB Holds Annual Meeting

By Linda Harrington

The 2020 Onslow Belmont Annual Meeting was held at the fire hall on Tuesday, Dec. 14th. A Moment of Silence was held in memoriam for those who passed away in 2020 including two Honorary Members Cecil Jennings and Gerard MacDonald.

Due to Covid restrictions, there was no annual Christmas Party this year, so awards were presented at the Annual Meeting as follows: Keith Hamilton Fire Fighter of the Year- Ian

Crowe; Carl King Officer of the Year- Darrell Currie; Clem MacKinnon Sportsman of the Year- Kevin Crowell; John Petrasch Most Improved Firefighter- Kevin Crowell and Cliff MacDougall Fellowship Ward- Walter McElhinney. There was no Junior Firefighter of the Year awarded. 2020 Service Awards were presented to Charles MacKenzie for 50 Years of Service and Blayne Turner for 5 Years.

The Year in Review was certainly unique for 2020, with cancellation of all meetings, gatherings and trainings beginning in March. Covid grocery delivery for vulnerable area residents was organized by Krista Gould.

The community was rocked with the horrible events in April, including

\$40,000 in damages to old truck 941, the electronic sign, truck bay door, monument and siding when the RCMP shot at the hall. Meetings resumed in June with Covid-19 precautions and OBFB joined the on-line "Nova Scotia Fire Fighters Weekly 50-50 Jackpot" fundraising draw.

A new 2019 Freightliner Truck #941 was delivered from Lantz Truck Body in July.

Flu Vaccination Clinic was held at the Hall in October. SCBA recertification was held, a new electronic sign was installed, and Halloween treats were handed out to the children.

In November, wreaths were placed on behalf of OBFB in Debert and at the Hall monument. Participants of the "Wagon Walk" stayed at the Hall overnight as they

passed through the community. OBFB won \$1000 in the AA Munro Insurance Photo Contest.

Fire losses in 2020 totalled \$988,500 from five structure fires and three vehicle fires. Total community losses since 1961 are now \$8,693,459.

The following calls were answered in 2020 to date: Wood/Brush/Grass- 6; Flu Fires- 5; Medical Emergencies- 40; Mutual Aid- 14; Motor Vehicle Accidents- 28; Vehicle Fires- 3; Structure Fires- 5 and Miscellaneous- 21. There were 615 training hours, 122 total calls for a total of 10,850 man hours.

The 2021 Chief Officers are as follows: Chief Greg Muise, Deputy Chief Leo Morrow; Deputy Chief Darrell Currie; Captain Clint Verheul and Captain Derek Richard.

2021 will be the 60th Anniversary of the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade.

**Shoreline Journal**  
 We are proud to provide coverage of community events.  
 For coverage of your event contact Maurice Rees at 902-647-2968

**SEASONS GREETINGS Ditch Doctor**  
 "...the smarter choice"  
 Adam Fisher, Owner

www.ditchdoctor.ca Phone: 662-2234

**CONROY** refrigeration • hvac  
 "Installing Heat Pumps in N.S. since 1985"

**Daikin Heat Pumps**  
 • EXCEPTIONAL COMFORT • QUIET  
 • LOWER OPERATING COST

Ask about our financing  
**AS LOW AS \$50<sup>00</sup> /mo. INSTALLED**

DAIKIN COMFORT PRO  
 Nova Scotia POWER An Emera Company PARTICIPATING CONTRACTOR  
 115 Upham Dr Truro  
 902-895-0246  
 www.conroyhvac.ca



**FOR YOUR WARMEST MOMENTS**

**OIL, PROPANE AND HVAC**

**Wilson's Heating**

902-895-4429 | wilsonsh heating.ca