

Not Since Moses Attracts 850 Runners



This photo shows just a small portion of the 850 walkers/runners who participated in the 9th Annual Not Since Moses Run on Sunday, August 21st. (Len Wagg Photo)

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The 9th Annual Not Since Moses 5K run/walk and 10K run across the ocean floor took place in Five Islands, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, August 21st with approximately 850 participants. This year the run included a Saturday festival where participants had the opportunity to

pick up their kits and see the 'course' covered with the tide.

Organizers were pleased with the number of participants this year, especially the fine weather. This year the event was increased to two days on Saturday and Sunday, with the run on Sunday. The organizing committee is already planning for the 10th annual on Saturday, August 12.

Each year the numbers fluctuate between 800 and 1000. They have been as high as 1000 in the Year when the Bay of Fundy was in the New7Wonders of Nature global campaign. In addition to 850 registered participants, the event has grown into a spectacle with a very large number of people coming just to watch.

In the area of global awareness over the nine years thanks to the vision of



Looks like this lady might be paying her husband back for letting her fall in the mud. (Len Wagg Photo)



Its up and over a few rocks and small tidal brook on the bottom of the ocean floor as these happy runners make their way along the 10KM segment Not Since Moses run, which also featured a 5KM route. (Len Wagg Photo)



These eight runners, with many more following in the background, represent only one percent of the 850 Not Since Moses runners. (Len Wagg Photo)

founder, Dick Lemon, the event is the largest event in Five Islands and has been instrumental in putting Five Islands on the global map attracting people from all over the world.

Tom Taggart, Municipal Councillor for the area, assisted with some volunteering, added some of the people he talked to came from as far away as Manitoba and two couples from the western prairie province met for the first time at the event. Another couple from Quebec have wanted to do the run for several years, and this year were able to schedule their vacation spending a week in the province and to participate prior to heading back home.

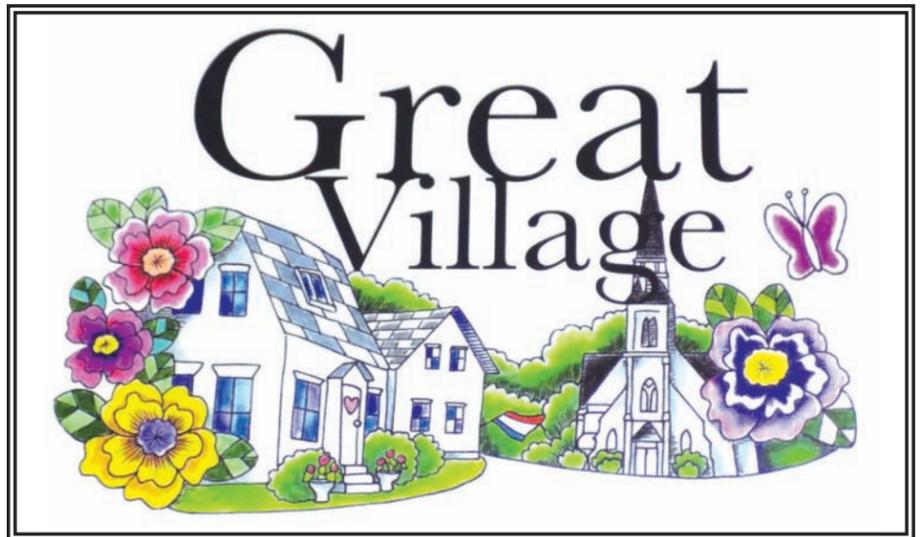
In terms of global publicity, Taggart mentioned the "Not Since Moses Run" has been a great tool bringing awareness to the shore. He noted, on the World Wide Web Canadian Runner Magazine has a feature on this run with many photo's and vista's of the shoreline.

The Lighthouse Society provided a barbeque and there were presentations about the geology and the Bay of Fundy tides. Sponsors of the Not Since Moses this year included: Vasque Footwear, The Trail Shop, The County of Colchester, and Masstown Market. Next year's race date is set for Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Terri McCulloch volunteered as publicity chairperson for Not Since Moses 9th Annual Run.



Wonder if this young one will remember accompanying her parents to walk on the ocean floor during the 2016 Not Since Moses Run? (Len Wagg Photo)



Andrew Meredith won 1st prize in the GVCA logo contest. Accompanying his design Meredith added a note, In this design I used the flowers and the butterfly as a symbol to show the new growth in Great Village. That includes the antique shops and the In the Village Café that makes the village so inviting. (Patti Sharpe Photo)

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