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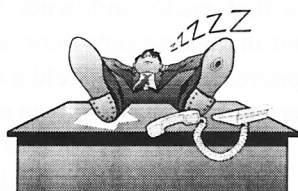
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BEACON NOTES

We start this month with an apology for incorrectly transcribing Lynn's Neighbourhood column (that's Don at the keyboard - not Caroline). Unfortunately part of a line was missed and, with the sentence still reading correctly, the proofers did not pick up the mistake. The first paragraph should have read...

Welcome to some new Island residents this month. Bill Morton, a former summer resident on Stella Point, has decided to make his permanent home here now. Laurie Youell's father, Don Smith moved into the apartment above the store recently and Eric and Susan Friesson have moved into their

new home (former home of Ernest and Paulette Apps).

We do our best but sometimes that is not good enough so mistakes do get through.

Lastly... any of the Beacon pictures credited to 'DT' are for sale. An 8" by 12" blow-up can be purchased for \$20. Most of the pictures are cropped and modified a bit for the Beacon but started out as 4" by 6" prints. They are also all in colour. Of course, if you don't like the blowup, it can be returned.



She may be small but she's self cleaning... (Jan/00)

photo by DT

PUBLIC MEETING Draft Official Plan

December 20th, 1999

- Don Tubb -

Well, Island residents got a first look at the draft Official Plan before Christmas. The meeting was sparsely attended due to the season I suspect. Two representatives from the consulting firm (Mr Uliana & Ms Venditti) were on hand plus our planner (Murray Beckel), and our representative on Council (Duncan Ashley).

The working part of the meeting began with an introduction to the draft Official Plan by the consultants. Then the meeting was opened up to questions and comments from the floor of which there were quite a few.

One of the main complaints heard was the restrictions on severances in the Agricultural zone. The Township Planner, Murray Beckel, said that there may be some flexibility here. He went on to explain that Ernestown Township had faced this obstacle when its plan was done years ago. The Township sat down with the Min. Of Ag. and tried to rationalize the soil maps which are the sole criteria for determining the extent of the Agricultural zone. He thought

that this would be worth doing on the Island. Just how much land might be removed from the Agricultural zone was not known. (While this was not mentioned at the meeting, I have a dim remembrance of our previous Official Plan process where I think that a land owner can apply to the Ministry to have their soil re-designated if they think it doesn't meet the criteria for a particular class.)

There were also queries about the elimination of having any animals in some of our present areas plus the privilege to sell Island produce anywhere on the Island (like several gardeners selling vegetables at one stand).

On the whole, the consultant seemed more receptive to making changes to the plan to meet specific requests than I would have expected. One interesting point made by the consultant was that there would be an effort made to insure every legal land use now continues to be such. This, I think, would have to be done by zone exceptions in the Zoning By-law (which this consulting firm will be doing) as some present uses are made non-conforming in this new draft. This means that each landowner will have to continue to be vigilant in making sure their uses are not missed.

Apparently Council held a meeting on December 22 after this series of meetings (one in each of the old municipalities).

Its purpose was to deal with any issues brought up. Some changes to the draft were approved most of which are fairly minor.

- In the Shoreline Residential zone, the requirement for *a drilled well* has been changed to only requiring *a well* but the water must still meet MOE's Drinking Water Objectives as a condition of approval.
- 'The consultant will review Agriculture land use on Amherst Island with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.' [from the meeting's minutes]
- Topsy Farm property has been re-designated Agricultural.

Next the plan is to be sent off to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for a 'one window review' (the quotes are in the minutes of the December 22 meeting so it is likely that the writer didn't know what it meant which I don't either). It will also be sent to the surrounding municipalities also. This is expected to take about three months after which there will be 'a statutory public meeting held after the Ministry approves the plan and the process should be completed in the early summer of 2000'. What this suggests to me is that if you want changes to the draft or simply want to comment on it, the time is now rather than later because once the Ministry approves the draft, it seems less likely that changes will be made.



Paul Gilmore, Reeve

Loyalist Township

cordially invites all residents to attend

The Reeve's Levee

on

Sunday, February 13, 2000

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

***Loyalist Township Municipal Building
863 Main Street, Odessa***

Displays

Wooden Carvings by Mr. Robert Mulder, Sr.

Historical Photographs

Historical artifacts provided by the Bath Museum

Refreshments will be served



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- DON TUBB -

JANUARY 10TH, 2000

The meeting started about 20 minutes late (with appropriate apologies from the Reeve) but was made up for by ending early (before 8:00 p.m.). You might think that there was nothing to report.... wrong. There will be some items included in this report from the minutes of the December 22nd meeting.

Duncan Ashley was not present for the January 10th meeting (family matters) but all other members of Council were present. I think that all usual members of staff were also present but I may be wrong here because the overflowing crowd of 3 obscured my view.

Staff Sgt. MacPherson (OPP Detachment Commander) gave his usual policing update. Activity generally declined this month compared with last year. This seems to go up and down with no particular pattern. Next month he will be giving us a summary of the year's activities which should be more interesting.

The Reeve gave a short address - A State of the Union - which listed accomplishments for 1999 and challenges for 2000. It looks like Council and staff will be kept busy this month. Among the items listed were:

- trying to obtain the Frontenac II as the permanent ferry,
- completing the Official Plan and Zoning By-law,
- continuing the Amherst Island history project,
- acquiring photos of former Reeves of both Amherst Island and Bath to be displayed in the Council Chambers,
- opening the micro filtration water plant in Amherstview,
- opening the new municipal garage on County Road 6,
- signing a contract with the OPP.

Of course, he made mention

of the desire to continue the Township's low tax policy.

The departments had been requested to provide a short summary of their accomplishments. Now I won't list them all but some struck my fancy:

- **Clerk's Department:**

- a review of all current municipal policies is underway (90% complete) and a new policy manual is expected to be done by the spring of this year;
- a computerized by-law directory has been completed allowing the user to search not only by the by-law's number but also by subject.

- **Fire Department:**

- a unified Emergency Plan was completed;
- a new 1700 gallon tank and a new triple combination pumper were put out to tender with the units these replace scheduled to come to the Amherst Island station.

- **Planning Department:**

- a digital base map of the Township is now up and running;
- a grant program assisting owners of designated heritage buildings in preserving them.

- **Recreation Department:**

- purchasing the Stella Bay park and dock;
- painting and repairing the Amherst Island office building.

- **Treasury Department:**

- a 10 Year Capital Budget for 2000 to 2009 will be produced.



Sheep moving in Godthab, Greenland

(National Geographic September 1975 p379)

Prick up your ears farmers... Included in the agenda package was a letter from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ernie Hardeman. He was announcing public consultations *'to gather input on intensive agricultural operations and their effect on rural communities'*. Included with this letter was a list of dates and locations (the closest one in the Hastings Civic Centre on January 26th), a discussion paper, and a questionnaire.

The purpose of the consultations is to get a feel for what, if any, controls are needed on intensive agricultural operations to

minimize conflict with any neighbouring residential areas. While there is nothing that would qualify as an 'intensive agricultural operation' on the Island, it probably is a good idea to keep watch on these proceedings. There are options mentioned which would apply controls like **nutrient management planning** to all farms (livestock and cash crop). One option even including golf courses, parks and residential lots. If anyone wants a copy of this document, I would suspect that it was channeled to the Planning Department (the letter dated December 30th and received by the Township on January 4th).



Henry Hitchins and grandson Brett (about 10 years ago)

In other news, while it isn't official yet, it appears that Council will nominate Sister Leonard for the Order of Ontario. She is the founder of the Partners in Mission Food Bank. Since 1986 two hundred and sixty-eight people have been honoured. *'The award pays tribute to exceptional people who exemplify the highest qualities of achievement and excellence in their chosen professions or in community service on an international, national or provincial level.'*

The Township has committed itself to a Groundwater Management Study. From the documentation, this appears to be scheduled over several years with a total estimated cost of \$100,000. We will see if they find any water on the Island.

Remember the Noise Control By-law... it's finally back from the Ministry of the Environment with its blessing. If I remember correctly, it was passed in response to Township residents complaining of excessive noises from these new fangled devices called horseless carriages.

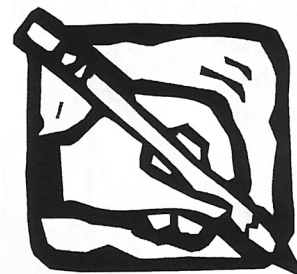
Last but not least is just a mention of the 1999 building activity in the Township. House starts are up 20% from 1998 with 55 houses, 4 semi-detached houses, and 8 multi-unit residences built. These were worth \$8,287,459. Construction revenue is up 17% from the previous year. The number of projects included 19 commercial, 2 industrial and 3 institutional, worth a total of \$4,902,538. There were even 5 new farm buildings and 2 farm renovations begun worth \$105,000. Plus, a total of 155 renovation and addition projects were started worth \$1,378,705. In total there were

208 projects worth \$14,082,129 which generated \$122,295.50 in fees.

At the December 22nd meeting, new rates for community facilities were approved. Some were increased like the ice rates (5%), others remain the same like the pool, and others decrease like those for the Amherstview and Odessa Community Halls.

Also at this meeting, the Committees were approved. Some Island residents sitting on these committees are: Cemetery (W. Bruce Caughey, Dorothy McGinn and Doris Wemp); Adjustment (Jacqueline Sylvester); Planning (Ian Murray); Recreation & Property

(Rick Bedford & Lynn Fleming).



The Neighbourhood

- Lyn Fleming -

Get well wishes this month to Bill Morton, who is in hospital recovering from a stroke; Myles Hutchings who recently travelled to London, Ontario, for day surgery and Audrey Miller, who has again been in and out of the hospital.

Condolences to Anna Hitchins and family, following the passing of her husband, Henry, earlier this month.

Jim, Lynann and Ben Whitton travelled to Australia to spend the holidays with Lynann's family. My parents, Art and Kay Wolfreys, (Orlando, Florida), spent Christmas with our family on the island. Carl Shangraw (Weyburn, Saskatchewan) spent almost a month over the holidays with his sister, Karen J. Fleming and family. As well, many

college and university students were home for the Christmas season. I know there were many others who travelled some distance to and from the island for the holidays, I just don't have the details.

Congratulations to Stewart and Kathy Reed, who got an early Christmas present with the birth of their 1st grandchild. Donald and Christine Reed welcomed their daughter, Emily Noel into the world on December 22nd. Congratulations also to first time uncles - Christopher and William Reed. Jack Ellis called on the weekend to let the Beacon know that an unidentified "explosive device" had washed up on the shore of their cottage. The Military Bomb Disposal Unit, from Trenton arrived Sunday to take care of things!

About 150 islanders celebrated the arrival of the New Year at the Community Centre with friends and family. A Roast Sirloin dinner, with all the trimmings, was followed by a dance that wrapped up around 2:00 am.!

Don't forget, if you have something that you would like to see in the Beacon Neighbourhood column, please give me a call @ 634-2509. Many thanks to all that do call with news!

Finally, Larry and I do appreciate all the compliments and comments regarding "our star" on the silo! Unfortunately we can only take credit for the one on the T.V. antennae, Tom Richmond is responsible for bravely climbing the silo and installing it for the past 2 seasons. It is pretty amazing to see this huge star hanging in the dark as the ferry approaches the dock.

Correction to a misprint in last month's Neighbourhood":

Welcome to new full-time islanders; Eric and Susan Friesson, who moved into the former Ernest Apps home east of the village; and to Laurie Youell's dad, Don Smith, who moved into the apartment above the store.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR READERS!



Amherst Island Women's Institute

- Leslie Gavlas -



SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

A good time was had by all attending the Christmas Dinner. Members of our Institute enjoy putting on this dinner. Earle Smith and the Pathetically Hip provided amusing entertainment. A traditional turkey dinner was served

and we are very thankful to the 4H for helping under the leadership of Scott Marshall and Sara Pollock. It all couldn't have happened without the volunteer support of community members including Nancy Dunn, Debbie Fleming, Lyn Fleming, Beth Forester, Dorothy McGinn, Debbie Miller, Janet Scott, Alex Scott, and Sheila Whiting. Many thanks to those who helped out with donations. Thank you all and we hope everyone has a wonderful New Year.



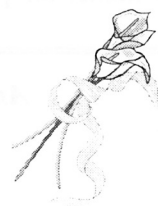
Thank You Notes

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Leonard McCormick wish to express their thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, phone calls, and donations of food after the funeral.

A special thank-you to Kendra O'Brien, V.O.N. who took such good care of Leonard, before he went to hospital.

Thanks also to the Payne Funeral Home and Rev. Andrew Chisholm for their care and consideration.



OBITUARY

NEILSON Ada Oren Pringle

Ada Oren Pringle passed away peacefully on Monday, October 18th, 1999 at Trillium Health Care Centre, Mississauga in her 97th year. She was born on Amherst Island. Her parents were the late Sydney and Jane (Polly) Pringle of Stella, where Sydney Pringle was a blacksmith. Ada was also predeceased by brothers Archie, George and Ross (WW1).

Ada was a graduate of Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing (1926). She began her nursing career in Wellesley Hospital Toronto. She returned to Amherst Island in 1926 to nurse her mother, where in 1928 she married Roddick Neilson, a graduate of Queen's. Rod, and brother Fred Neilson, operated The Neilson Store for many years - a thriving business selling groceries, hardware, yard goods, grain and coal, to name a few. Ada and Rod build and lived in the house now owned by Leslie Gavlas. Ada is survived and sadly missed by her daughter Ann and her husband Richard Large of Brampton, Ontario.

Ada's nursing skills and kind and generous nature were many times called upon on Amherst Island. She was a very active member of St. Alban's Church, Stella, where she served on Altar Guild and as organist. She was a member of The Anglican Guild, and W.A.. She also worked with Jr. W.A. and Brownies.

In later years because of Rod's poor health they moved to Kingston where Ada resumed her nursing career. Following Rod's death in 1960 she moved to Mississauga where she resided with her daughter Ann. Ada was blessed with both patience and a keen sense of humour which helped she and Ann together, through a long and difficult illness. These blessings have also touched the lives of many nieces and nephews and we thank God for them.

A Service in Celebration of her life was held at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Saturday, November 27th, 1999. Rev. George Dunkley officiated, assisted by Rev. Andrew Chisholm. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery Amherst Island, followed by a reception at St. Paul's Hall.

Henry Reginald Hitchins

October 7, 1919 - January 4, 2000

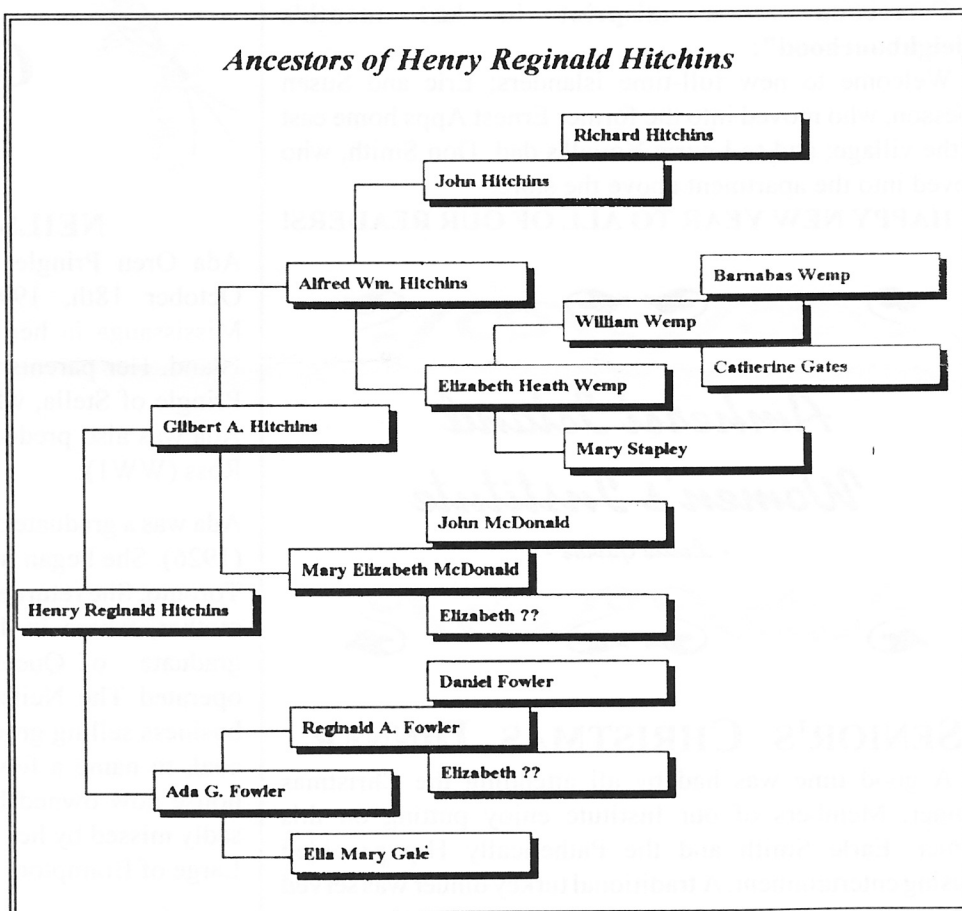
Henry Hitchins passed away peacefully, in his home, on Tuesday, January 4th. His condition had been deteriorating during the past several months, as he was cared for at home by his devoted wife, Anna, and members of his family, who were also assisted by many caregivers. He had suffered a stroke three years ago, resulting in hospitalization at St. Mary's of the Lake, where he received therapy, which was continued after his return home. He had a further setback when he had a heart attack about one year ago. This loving husband, father, grandfather, neighbour, friend and Islander will be missed.

Henry was the only child of Arthur Gilbert (Bert) and Ada Hitchins. (An older brother died at birth). He was born, and lived for the first three years of life, on the farm presently owned and occupied by Dennis McGinn. From there his family moved to the present Hitchins farm, where Henry later farmed with his father, and would spend the rest of his life, and raise his family. Henry attended Kemptville

Agricultural School in 1938. (Jack Roblin from Adolphustown and Lyle Kilpatrick, now of Kingston, were students there at the same time.)

Henry has always given much to his community. He was involved in most organizations at one time or another. He was the first youngest Councillor, nominated by Jim Strain and Fred Neilson. He was a member of the Township Council when the Amherst Island Consolidated School was built, and opened in 1948. He was a dedicated and longtime member of the Cemetery Board, having been there when the system of Perpetual Care was introduced and was a promoter of the building of the stone entry pillars at the South entrance to Glenwood Cemetery. He was one of the original Directors of the Amherst Island Municipal Telephone System, having replaced Arthur Kilpatrick, as the "West end" representative. Henry was a devoted member of Burleigh Loyal Orange Lodge. He is remembered as having conducted the office of Chaplin with dignity and in a very capable manner. He was a faithful worker within the Lodge, and looked forward to the annual New Year's Eve Ball, which the Orangemen sponsored for so many years, held in the Orange Hall. Henry served several terms as Trustee on the Amherst Island Consolidated School board. He was a 4-H Calf Club leader for many years, helping to organize Calf Shows and "Fair Days" for the farm youth of the Island. Henry served his

Ancestors of Henry Reginald Hitchins



Church faithfully, as Warden and Treasurer at Christ Church in Emerald, and later as Warden at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Stella. Henry has always been a supporter of Community events. He loved to play cards, and was a "perky participant" in a 500 Club and a Euchre Club, which each met once a month. His friendly face, his cheery smile, and his little jokes will all be missed but long remembered. His grandchildren will always remember the question he asked when they would return from a swim - "Was the water wet?", and the way he jokingly allowed their "After Eights" to be eaten after 8 o'clock!

He will be missed by his wife Anna (nee Glenn), children Ross (Ada), Garry (Anne-Marie), Roberta (Brian Reil), and Arthur, grandchildren - Vicki and husband Mike Rowden, Cheryl and husband Randy Huyck, Heather Reil and fiancé Dave Mason, Jeff Reil and his wife Krista, Reginald Hitchins, Tracy and husband Craig Monk, Heidi Hitchins and fiancé Terry Generaux, and Brett Hitchins; great grandchildren - Aleesha and Sommer Reil, and Mathew Huyck. The funeral was held in St. Alban's Anglican Church on Friday, January 7th, 2000, at 11:00 am, with Rev. Andrew Chisholm officiating. Interment was in the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery, followed by a Reception in St. Paul's Church Hall. The Pall Bearers were: Grandsons Reg Hitchins and Jeff Reil, nephews Ron Glenn and Leslie Strain, and neighbors Jim Reid and Bob Howard.



A Letter Home

I just erased a paragraph lampooning the Y2K virus preparations but enough said about that considering no problems were noted.

What there is to talk about is the weather which, up until a couple days ago, was remarkably benign. That, however, has changed to just plain cold and windy. Perhaps we could hit a nice medium... you know some snow for aesthetics and some cold to keep the ground hard. The tractors were starting to get stuck taking hay and grain to the sheep.

We had another day or so of really quite good ferry trips. The boat she rocked... she rolled... and she even yawed. But what she did the best was to wash herself. Oh well, soon the fun will be over as we will be into ice sailing with smooth but noisy trips.

Well we have a little space here so perhaps some trivia is the thing to end this month's Beacon. From the 12th edition of *Uncle John's Absolutely Absorbing Bathroom Reader* by the Bathroom Reader's Institute...

It's 5670 according to the Hebrew calendar.

It's 4698 according to the Chinese calendar.

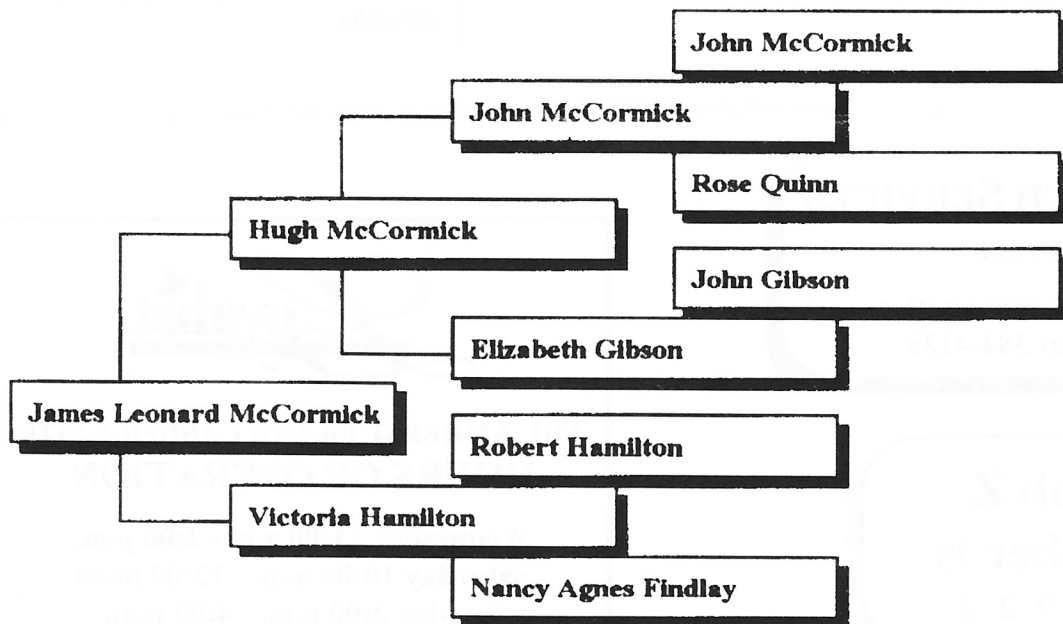
It's 1921 according to the Reformed Indian calendar.

It's 1421 according to the Muslim calendar.

It's 1378 according to the Persian calendar.

It's 2543 according to the Theravada Buddhist calendar.

Ancestors of James Leonard McCormick





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Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Mon, Jan 24th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb 13th Reeve's Levy 1-4 p.m. Council Chambers
Mon, Feb 14th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Mon, Feb 28th Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ISLE

DATES TO NOTE FOR ISLE CHEESE ORDERING:

| Order In By | Pickup Date |
|--------------|--------------|
| Fri. Jan. 21 | Wed. Jan. 26 |
| Fri. Feb. 18 | Wed. Feb. 23 |
| Fri. Mar. 10 | Wed. Mar. 22 |
| Fri. Apr. 14 | Wed. Apr. 19 |
| Fri. May 19 | Wed. May 24 |
| Fri. June 16 | Wed. May 21 |

AMHERST ISLAND

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

meets Thursday a.m. - 0945 - 12 noon

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| February | Syke Fleming |
| March | Cathy Glenn |
| April | Karen J. Fleming |
| May | Ann Albertan |
| June | Helen Lamb |
| July | Janet Scott |
| August | Janet Scott |

Join in a time of prayer and
studying God's word. All welcome.



News Flash



CBC TV Program - "On The Road"
Features Amherst Island
Wednesday, Feb 9 '00 @ 7:00 PM

Amherst Island

GENERAL STORE

389-0417

WINTER HOURS

JANUARY 21ST - APRIL 28TH

Monday - Thursday - 9am - 7 pm
Friday and Saturday - 9 am to 7 pm

CANADA POST

Monday - Friday 9 am - 11:30 am
..... 2:30 pm - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 12 noon

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