

Introduction

The Municipal Profile Project

This is one of a series of profiles produced in collaboration with the Federation of PEI Municipalities, the member municipalities, and Human Resources Development Canada.

Information for the 30 municipal profiles was gathered from interviews with municipal administrators, from PEI Government publications, and from many other helpful individuals and agencies.

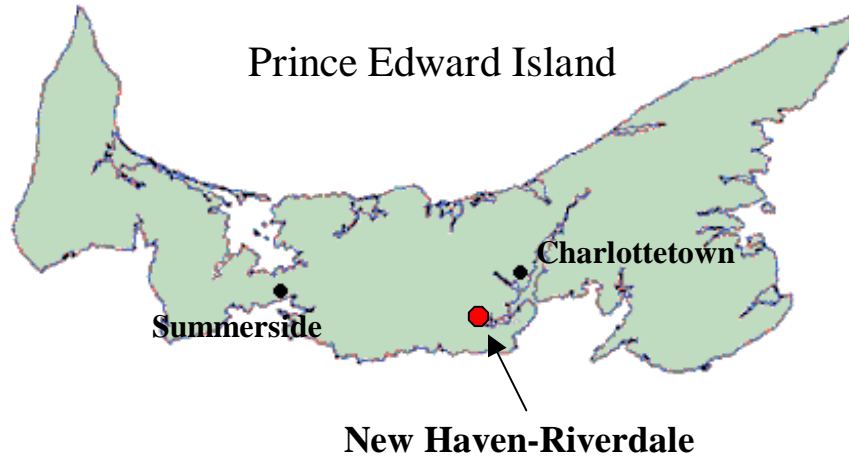
Contact information for this municipality, Human Resources Development Canada, and the Federation of PEI Municipalities may be found at the end of the profile. A list of all 30 municipal profiles is attached in **Appendix I**.

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Municipal Profile: New Haven-Riverdale, Prince Edward Island

New Haven-Riverdale is located on the southern side of the Island, near the West River, which opens into Hillsborough Bay.



General Overview

New Haven-Riverdale is located in the federal riding of Malpeque and the provincial electoral district #17, Crapaud-Hazel Grove.

New Haven-Riverdale is located along the Trans Canada Highway, Route 1, which connects the community with the province's capital, Charlottetown and also with the major point of access to the Island, the Confederation Bridge.

Distances	
Charlottetown	17 km
Confederation Bridge (to New Brunswick)	39 km
Summerside	54 km
Wood Islands Ferry (to Nova Scotia)	78 km

New Haven-Riverdale's population, according to the municipal directory, is 570. The area incorporated by the community of New Haven-Riverdale was first settled between 1784 and 1797. The settlements of that era were largely self-sustaining, providing for themselves necessary goods and services, such as mills, tailors, blacksmiths, stores and, of course, farms.

Today, the New Haven-Riverdale area is still largely rural-agricultural. Provincial buffer zone laws, which limit subdivisions to one lot per parcel, currently curtail residential development.

Business and Commerce

The main industry in the New Haven-Riverdale area is agriculture; primarily potato and mixed farming, but also some dairy farms. Two of the largest employers in the community are a major construction contractor and a tourist attraction. There is also a grocery store, a gas station, a mechanic and a motel in the community.

- Encounter Creek
- Gass's Clover Farm
- Island Coastal
- Kingston Legion
- Newmann's Garage

Accommodations

- Safe Haven Guest House
- Windsor Motel
- Strathgartney Provincial Park Campground

Transportation

The Trans Canada Highway runs through the centre of the community, linking it with the Town of Cornwall, which is the nearest service area, 6 km away.

Housing and Real Estate

As of March 1998, the Multiple Listing Service list prices for homes in Queen's County, excluding Charlottetown, Stratford, and Cornwall are:

\$43 781 for a one or two bedroom home;
\$124 500 for a five or more bedroom home;
\$82,515 overall average.

Source: PEI Real Estate Association.

A large part of New Haven-Riverdale is characterized by a layer of bedrock close to the surface of the soil. Large lots characterize all development because the area is not ideally suited to septic sewer systems.

Being situated in the "Buffer Zone" limits land development to one lot per parcel. As a result, new subdivisions are prohibited. There is an average of four to five new homes constructed each year.

Education

Children in New Haven-Riverdale attend school in adjacent communities:

Cornwall for grades 1 to 9 and
Hampshire for grades 10 to 12.

Pre-school

There are numerous privately run day care centres and kindergartens in Cornwall.

Elementary

Westwood Primary School teaches grades 1 through 3 and has an enrolment of 422 students.

Eliot River Elementary School teaches grades 4 through 6 to a school population of 406.

<http://www.peisland.com/eliot/eres.htm>

Secondary

East Wiltshire Junior High teaches grades 7 through 9 and has a student population of 622.

High school students (grades 10 through 12) attend Bluefield High School in Hampshire. Bluefield has an enrolment of 881 students.

Health Care Facilities

There is a large animal veterinary clinic in the community. Adjacent Cornwall has medical, dental and pharmacy services. The nearest hospital is Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown. Ambulance service is available through Neil's Ambulance in Charlottetown.

Municipal Services

The municipality of New Haven-Riverdale has had a black fly abatement program in place since 1990. Properties have wells and septic tanks on site. Garbage pickup is individually arranged through a private contractor.

Fire protection is provided by the North River Fire Department.

Police protection is provided by the RCMP. The nearest detachment office is in Charlottetown.

Tax rates

Municipal tax rates in 1998 for both commercial and non-commercial properties are \$0.15 per \$100 of assessment.

Recreation

New Haven-Riverdale has numerous recreation facilities:
2 ball fields, a playground, walking trails, a groomed snowmobile trail in winter, and several good spots for fishing, including one with wheelchair access. Plans are in the works to create a soccer field. There is an active minor ball program during the summer months. Bingo and cribbage games are held weekly at the Legion.

Strathgartney Provincial Park is in the community. This facility has a nature trail, frisbee golf, playground, laundromat, kitchen shelter and dumping station.

The West River, running adjacent to the municipality, is one of the best sources of Atlantic salmon in the province, although the salmon doesn't enter Island waters until the end of the season. Anglers can also fish for brook trout in the West River as well as, among others, Crosby's Pond, Carragher's Pond, Warren's Pond, and the North River, at the causeway. The causeway is also a good spot to catch white perch.

Cultural Facilities and Events

There is a pioneer cemetery in the municipality.
New Haven-Riverdale celebrates Canada Day every July 1.

Churches

There is one church in New Haven-Riverdale. It is Churchill Presbyterian. There are 7 additional churches that serve other faiths in close proximity to the community.

Meeting Facilities

The Kingston Legion and Camp Riverdale can accommodate groups of varying sizes.

Community Organizations

Some of the community groups active in New Haven-Riverdale include the following:

107 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Corps
Kingston Legion
Legion Ladies Auxiliary
Springside Snowmobile Club
Women's Institute
Minor Ball Association

Contact Information

Community of New Haven-Riverdale

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Incorporated: 1974

Population: 570

Council meetings: Second Wednesday of month; 8:00PM

Chairperson: Derek French

Administrator: Dianne Dowling

Councillors: Stan Campbell
Kathy Clow
Joanne Gass
Angela Stewart
Sharon Buchanan
Terry Lenentine
Donalda Newman.

Federation of PEI Municipalities

The Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities is a body formed for the purpose of representing in one organization the various cities, towns, resort municipalities, and incorporated communities within the Province of Prince Edward Island.

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Human Resources Development Canada

New Haven-Riverdale is served by the Charlottetown Human Resource Centre. For information on programs and services offered by HRDC, you may visit our website at: <http://www.pe.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/common/>

This site also contains links to other sites of interest.

Charlottetown Human Resource Centre

161 St. Peters Road
PO Box 20105
Sherwood Postal Outlet
Sherwood, Prince Edward Island
Canada CIA 9E3

Located in the Ellis Brothers Shopping Centre, the office serves Charlottetown, the Capital City of Prince Edward Island. It also serves an area from New London in the Western portion of Queens County continuing East to Vernon River in the Western portion of Kings County.

The office is a full service centre with Employment Insurance, Income Security Programs, Employment Programs, Investigation & Control and Women's Programs. The population of the area served by HRC Charlottetown is 64,000 with a Labour force estimated at 35,000. There is an employer base estimated at 4000.

Hours of Operation:

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 PM. Monday to Friday

Telephone Numbers.

Employment Insurance Inquiries: 902-566-7781
Toll Free: (English): 1-800-206-7218, (French): 1-800-808-6352
Job line: 902-566-7799 Toll Free. 1-800-363-2342

Employment Services:

General enquiries: 902-566-7723 or 902-566-7766
Employer Job Orders: 902-566-7754
Records of Employment: Toll Free: 1-800-578-6821

Income Security Programs:

(Canada Pension/Old Age Security)
English: 1-800-277-9914
French: 1-800-277-9915

Appendix I

The following municipalities are members of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities. A profile of each municipality was created during the Municipal Profile Project between February and June, 1998.

City of Charlottetown
City of Summerside
Town of Alberton
Town of Cornwall
Town of Georgetown
Town of Kensington
Town of Montague
Town of Souris
Town of Stratford
Community of Abrams Village
Community of Borden-Carleton
Community of Brudenell
Community of Cardigan
Community of Central Bedeque
Community of Crapaud
Community of Kinkora
Community of Miscouche
Community of Morell
Community of Murray Harbour
Community of New Haven-Riverdale
Community of North Rustico
Community of O'Leary
Community of Resort Municipality
Community of St. Louis
Community of St. Peter's Bay
Community of Tignish
Community of Tyne Valley
Community of Victoria
Community of Wellington
Community of Winsloe South