

CARTERS BEACH: PROJECT UPDATE

SPRING 2018



The Carters Beach Liaison Committee aims to provide guidance and recommendations for the sustainable management of Carters Beach. This Project Update serves to inform the public about where we're at and where we're going!

THE SITE

Carters Beach is a sensitive ecological site that is slated to become a Nature Reserve because of its unique ecosystems. This special place will require careful planning to ensure protection of its natural values, while continuing to support informal use by the local community that is consistent with an emphasis on protection.

THE COMMITTEE

The **Carters Beach Liaison Committee** was established to provide community input and direction to the management of Carters Beach. The Committee has as its vision to ensure Carters Beach & offshore islands are unique, pristine, protected and enjoyed for generations.

THE WORK

The committee is made up of a variety of people who care about this region and want to work together to **build relationships**, **share information**, and **identify collaborative opportunities** with the common goal of ensuring the continued protection and enjoyment of Carters Beach and offshore islands.

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

We'll be using social media to communicate good beach stewardship, to let visitors know when the parking lot is at capacity, and to encourage visitors to only stay for a short time, not the whole day.



Facebook.com/cartersbeach



@BeachCarters



@CartersBeach



FEATURED UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS: SPRING 2018

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

SUMMER STUDENT



This summer **Kaitlyn Harris** will be on the beach; talking to visitors and promoting good beach stewardship.

She'll also be monitoring Piping Plovers, overseeing the pack-in, pack-out garbage initiative and educating visitors about why they should keep their dogs on leash!

Kaitlyn is also looking to add a **youth voice** to the management of Carters Beach. She'll be speaking with young people aged 14-19 who have an interest in sharing their views on the state and future of Carters Beach. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved contact her at: Kaitlyn.harris@dal.ca



Keep an eye out for the 'Authorized Parking' sign. This will be for Kaitlyn so she's able to access the beach and reach as many beach-users as possible!

DUNE STABILIZATION AND RESTORATION

In early spring, the Carters Beach dunes underwent some marram grass planting. Marram grass encourages dune growth by trapping and stabilizing blown sand and reducing wind speeds across the surface of the dune.

Keep an eye out for the new signage!



PACK-IN & PACK-OUT



This summer at Carters Beach we'll be piloting a pack in, pack out approach to garbage.

In the coming weeks the **garbage can at the parking lot will be removed** and we'll be promoting and encouraging visitors to leave no trace- take only pictures, and leave only footprints.

WHAT WE'RE STILL WORKING ON!

Parking: We've been in communication with the RCMP and the Department of Transportation and have noted that illegal parking can carry fines of up to \$250. We plan to communicate this with beach visitors through Kaitlyn & our social media account.

Outhouses: For Summer 2018 there will be 2 port-a-potties at the parking lot. We're still working on other options for 2019.

Carrying Capacity Research: We want decisions about managing Carters Beach to be science-informed and are working on research that will tell us how many people the beach can support both from an ecological & social standpoint.