



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD NOMINATION

Brookfield

Groups within the community who have joined together to put forward this nomination:

- 1. Brookfield Community Assembly** (which has representation from the following volunteer groups):
 - Brookfield Men's Club
 - Brookfield Elementary Home and School
 - Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services
 - Brookfield Athletic Association
 - Knox United Church
 - Brookfield Baptist Church
 - South Colchester Academy (youth)
 - Municipal Councilor
 - Community Members at large

Coming Home to Brookfield

*Oh the rolling hills of Brookfield
And the Creamery Brook runs free,
I can almost smell the new mown hay.
But the color in the fall jogs my memory most of all,
I'll be coming home to Brookfield if I can.*

Chorus of the Official Theme Song of the Brookfield
Bicentennial, 1984 - Music and Lyrics by Ken and Alice
Matheson.

In the middle of the peninsula of Nova Scotia, the Shubenacadie-Stewiacke River system provides some of the most beautiful and productive agricultural land to be found anywhere in the country. Along the meandering rivers and their tributaries are broad intervals of rich alluvial soil, surrounded by the wooded hills so prominent throughout this province.

Between the Stewiacke River and the head of the Cobequid Bay, one of the major tributaries drains an area that must have appeared idyllic to the early settlers of this land. The Little River, with its smaller brooks, coursing past the outcroppings of limestone and gypsum in the upper reaches, through the natural fields and past the gravel banks with their clear springs, quite appropriately suggest the name Brookfield.

Brookfield's first settlers came in 1784, just twenty-five years after the first settlers arrived in the Truro area. William Hamilton was born in Ireland in 1758 and immigrated to Nova Scotia with his family to Onslow in 1770. He had a dream.... He acquired land in Brookfield and finding a good spot on a knoll near the brook, built a log house and about five years later brought his bride, Louisa Thomson of Onslow. A spring of clear water nearby was probably the deciding factor for the location of his home. The land also included some wood and upland but most of it was rich meadow-land, thinly covered with scattered bushes. The fertile land produced heavy crops of hay, grain and vegetables. Mr. Hamilton was followed by Daniel Moore and his wife and son. Since its founding and pioneer beginnings in 1784 Brookfield has grown into a vibrant rural community in the center of Nova Scotia with a population of about 1500, with a history rich in volunteerism, caring, and cooperation.

The Nova Scotia Railway was started in 1854, from Halifax Richmond Station onward to Windsor Junction. Here the line divided – one going to Windsor and the other towards Truro. As construction moved towards Truro, it helped turn Brookfield from a scattered settlement of a few small clearings to a small railway way-point – serving the Stewiacke and Musquodoboit Valley areas. For many years iron ore was shipped from the Upper Brookfield area – from one to three cars a day. The Brookfield Creamery is the oldest Creamery in Nova Scotia. A meeting held in Brookfield on March 17, 1884 concluded “it has been deemed desirable by the persons subscribing hereto to establish a Creamery and Cheese Factory at Brookfield”... in an association to be called “The Brookfield Creamery and Cheese Manufacturing Company.” The Brookfield Creamery was a mainstay in the village for years, before its merger with Scotsburn Cooperative – the brand name ‘Brookfield’ still is used by the company in some parts of Atlantic Canada. In 1901, a mill manufacturing shingles and sawing lumber was built. In 1930 the mill was destroyed by fire and the residents once again united and incorporated the mill under the name Brookfield Box Co. Ltd. where a main output was boxes for packing dried fish. The ‘Box Company’ stayed in existence in one fashion or another until it was bought by Edward Creelman. The Brookfield Lumber Company, as it is now known, under the direction of Ron Creelman (Edward’s son) realized a dream in the 1980’s when they expanded into the hardware sector, opening a retail store, to compliment their sales of lumber.

Brookfield is a busy, rural community located 15 minutes south of Truro and 1 hour north of Halifax. Focal points of the community are its recreational facilities – the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex, the Elks ball park, and the Brookfield Golf and Country Club. It is home to two schools – Brookfield Elementary School and South Colchester Academy – as well as numerous businesses which support all the volunteer activities, offering financial aid as well as facilities and personnel.

Our beautiful natural landscape is complimented by the way people and businesses take pride in their properties, homes and buildings. Our roads are lighted with street lights and sanitary sewer lines service most of the central community. You will find century-old homes, as well as much new construction as more and more folk want to move into Brookfield where people are friendly and they can find schools, churches, stores, and recreation all within a very short drive or walk. Located just a couple of kilometers away is beautiful Shortts Lake which is a multi-season recreational resource (fishing, swimming, boating, sailing, skating, snow-mobiling, etc.) for our community. There is a Resident’s Association at the lake which is dedicated to the betterment of the lake’s environmental quality. Shortt’s Lake is also home to the SOS Group (Survivors of Shortts Lake)- breast cancer survivors who began the SOS Dragon Boat group in 2006. Corporations and local citizens donated land, time and money to make this dream come true. During the warmer months one finds the SOS practicing their skills on the lake.

This is a wonderful place to grow up or to raise a family because of the community values. It is always inspiring to hear from so many Brookfielders who love where they live and who work so hard at improving this community.

Brookfielders have a strong sense of community and welcome families who choose to make this community their home. Many of the current residents have lived here their entire lives, with many families having resided in the area for several generations. New residents are encouraged to get involved in the community through the many activities and volunteer organizations. Brookfielders are people who want to live and thrive in a community where life is fun and where people look after one another. No matter what your age or stage, there’s always something interesting to do in Brookfield. Seniors are valued and supported via numerous community functions. A dedicated team of workers interviewed a number of senior citizens and recorded their recollections of earlier days - how they lived and worked, and what was significant in their lives for a project called The Elder Transcripts. This is an excellent vehicle for preserving and passing on this accumulated knowledge to future generations, as Brookfielders have proud traditions and many worthy ancestors that should be remembered. The people of Brookfield still dream dreams and act on those dreams (like William Hamilton).

Churches and schools are dreams of all communities and Brookfield is no exception. Although history tells us that there were various church and school buildings from the beginning of settlement, the two churches that remain today are the Brookfield Baptist Church and Knox United Church. The Brookfield Baptist Church was established in 1862, and has been a part of the Brookfield landscape for over 146 years. The church has its beautiful original sanctuary; an extension was added over 30 years ago which provided a gymnasium, kitchen, and Sunday School classrooms. The church has an active Sunday School and youth program. A “Small Group Study Ministry,” held mostly in homes, has involved many adults over the past few years. Worship services are held every Sunday morning, with a mix of older and modern music. The congregation is interested in the wider mission of the church and on several occasions has fulfilled their dream of sending members to El Salvador to build Habitat for Humanity.

Knox United Church – “The history of the church and the history of the settlement are inseparably intertwined. They were religious people and where they went they took the church with them” (W. McN. Matthews, Two Centuries of Christian Witness in Truro, NS) (Toronto: The Ryerson Press, 1960), p. 5. The first church was built in 1833 and the present church was originally Knox Presbyterian which, in 1925 became Knox United. Knox United is very much a community church where clergy over the years have been involved in many community events. In the late 1980’s Knox began seriously discussing a dream they had had for several years and in 1989 their dream was realized when a new hall and commercial kitchen was constructed. This \$400,000 project was completely paid off within 5 years. Knox has many active groups such as Sunday School, youth groups, three choirs, Bible Study, senior luncheons and United Church Women Groups. A member of Knox United had a dream – a dream to show young families how to provide economical and nutritious meals for their families – Epiphany Kitchen was born.

The churches of Brookfield have been a source of community spirit since their establishment and continue to be stewards of “the ties that bind”. This community draws from a source of energy that opens their eyes to the needs of the people in community and gives them the tools to meet those needs as a caring community.

The Brookfield Men’s Club first met in February 1937. It is open to all men of the area, non-denominational, non-political, and its purpose was to foster community and promote the village. This particular group was full of dreams for the village of Brookfield. It has spear-headed many community improvement projects, including installation of sidewalks, civic numbering, naming and registering streets, playground and park construction, sponsorship and leadership for Air Cadets squadron since its formation in the early 1950’s, school construction (high school and elementary), Citizenship awards, and the publishing, editing and distribution of “The Eagle”, a monthly community newsletter.

“The Eagle”, first printed in 1941, began as a newsletter for the troops overseas during WW II. It is now sent to over 800 homes, for resident and distant readers via email and post, left at various drop off spots throughout the community and posted on the community website. The BMC hosts a Ladies Night each year to honor the area’s women, thanking them for their on-going support over 72 years. It is also the occasion for honoring our leading citizens with the annual “Eagle Award” in recognition of their many contributions to the Community.

In the late 1940’s Brookfielders had yet another dream – to build a new larger elementary school. As with this community’s past history, committees were struck and work began to realize this dream. Soon after the Brookfield school construction was started came the decision of the public-minded citizens to make it a memorial to those who gave their lives in two World Wars. Extra funds were donated to have the name Brookfield Memorial School inscribed in a large sandstone slab over the doors and an engraved cornerstone placed in the foundation. This stone was formally laid on Remembrance Day, 1949. In March of 1950, the building was ready to open and the records show a total cost of \$53,000 instead of the \$45,000 which had been approved for the school alone, but no objections were voiced from the community. At the same time, the province was also building a new rural high school in Brookfield for grades 7 – 12, due largely to the efforts of residents impressing the Department of Education that Brookfield was the ideal location for this regional school.

Following numerous devastating fires in the area, a group of concerned leaders of the community had yet another dream – the community of Brookfield needed a fire department. In 1945 the Brookfield Fire Department (BFD) was founded by these same concerned leaders and incorporated under a special act of the legislature in 1950 as the Brookfield Fire Commission with the object being the provision of fire protection for the local and neighbouring communities. The first hall was built and equipment purchased with community funds in 1948. Although two building additions were made, its mandate continued largely unchanged until 1995 when it accepted responsibility for ‘Jaws of Life’ for all of South Colchester. A number of members continued to dream and in 1998 they felt they should offer the community a Medical First Response service. BFD was not ready to take this step, but these members and some additional interested individuals formed the Brookfield and Area Emergency Response Service (BAERS) and responded to an average fifty calls per year for a number of years. In 2003 BAERS and BFD merged under the BFD umbrella bringing several new members to the fire service and a much newer emergency response vehicle to the Medical First Response Team.

The BFD was cramped in the renovated and added-to station on Highway #2 and began to dream again in 2004 when they learned that the Brookfield Memorial School would be declared surplus. With this prime piece of real estate available, the community agreed to a proposal to demolish the Memorial School, and to increase the property tax to construct a new state-of-the-art fire station, with a commitment to create a suitable replacement veterans memorial on the site. In 2007 the members decided that a name change was needed to better reflect the scope of services offered and Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services was created.

A Veterans Memorial Committee was formed to help preserve the memory of those who had fought for our freedom. This group of volunteers arranged to have a monument built using bricks from the Memorial School and 290 names were inscribed on the granite slabs. The bricks were salvaged by two residents, their two sons and a school friend; hours and hours were spent chipping away the old mortar. There's a lasting picture of our youth being able to live out the dream of our forebears who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial was dedicated in 2005 to the men and women from the Brookfield area who served in Canada's fighting forces in World Wars I and II.

Since the early 1980's Brookfield has recognized Remembrance Day at the memorial site with typically over 400 people attending a service to honor and remember our Veterans and lay wreaths.

A dream to help others in the world – comes close to home:

In the summer of 1979 our caring, sharing community was haunted by the TV pictures of starving refugees fleeing Vietnam in leaky boats and by fall, plans were underway to sponsor a Vietnamese family which included finding a rent-free home. When the Immigration Officer asked if we had a preference as to the type of family we should receive, the reply was "Our only requirement is that they need to come". A family of 7 arrived with the mom expecting her sixth child.

In the spring of 1996, Knox United (and a sister congregation) with the help of the community had another opportunity to realize a dream for refugees – this time from Bosnia. People of the community felt again as they had in 1979 with the Vietnamese Family – "it is not all about our hopes and dreams but about the hopes and dreams of others (who are less fortunate)". Within a matter of a few short weeks, the community welcomed a family of four (Mom, Dad, and two daughters) complete with a Rottweiler dog through a partnership between the United Church of Canada and Citizenship and Immigration. (Other communities had refused to host this family because of the dog). Members of the churches as well as the community pulled together once again and a rent-free home was acquired and renovations made in a timely fashion. The committee felt the family needed more support and agreed to extend their sponsorship for another 6 months beyond the initial commitment.

In the summer of 1998, just over two years after welcoming our first family, we were asked by Citizenship and Immigration Canada if we would again sponsor a new family. It would be easier this time as we had the help of our first family. Knox United (and a sister congregation) readily agreed knowing full well the community would be behind this decision. In November of 1998, Brookfield welcomed another family, a single mom with two children from Croatia. We agreed to sponsor this family for 24 months but again we extended our support for a few more months.

This time Brookfielders were on the receiving end: words cannot express the gratitude felt by our three refugee families. They have taught so much to this small conservative community: to be tolerant of religions and cultures, to overcome language barriers, and how to open up to people different from ourselves. We thank them for letting us share their dreams – dreams of freedom – a dream we take for granted.

In 2001, Knox United Church was awarded a Citation for Citizenship by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration for outstanding achievements which exemplified Canadian values and the principles of Canadian citizenship, contributing greatly to newcomers and to the richness and strength of our country.

In 1993, Knox United became involved in a church project funded by Health Canada and The Donner Foundation through a project of the Church Council on Justice and Corrections entitled *Fire in the Rose* to focus on 'Violation, Healing and Living Honestly in Relationships'. The committee from the United Church readily agreed that this was a community project and invited others from the Brookfield Baptist Church to join. Various workshops, worship services, and community events saw a community safety assessment completed, and encouraged efforts to build partnerships and better interact with each other. Fair Play initiatives were introduced to this sports-minded community and their coaches, parenting programs were introduced and 300 teens attended a play on dating violence. One of the workshops near the end of the pilot project was called *Building Bridges* and we dreamed once more, crossed a new bridge and thus came the development and implementation of a new community group comprised of representatives from many organizations of the community. The Brookfield Community Assembly (BCA) was established in 1995 consisting of representation from Knox United Church, Brookfield Baptist Church, Brookfield Elementary Home and School, Brookfield Fire and Emergency Services, Brookfield Athletic Association, South Colchester Academy (youth), Brookfield Men's Club, Municipal councilor and community members at large. This group's overall goal was to coordinate all activities within the community and improve communication. There has always been a high level of partnering amongst our community groups, but the

formation of the BCA brought it to a new level. Three permanent committees of the BCA (Community Services, Leisure and Recreation, Education and Youth) work continually on community betterment projects.

This small group began their work with gusto and soon some of their dreams materialized. One such dream is our summer celebration, Coming Home to Brookfield, a celebration of our community bringing old and new friends together for nine days of fun and fellowship. This summer festival is dedicated to promoting a sense of family in our community, to reuniting family and friends from around the world, and to celebrating the many recreational, cultural and support services found in our community. Home Coming has been celebrated for 13 years each July, with approximately 40 activities including all age groups, requiring eight months of planning by the coordinating committee, two hundred volunteers and generous sponsors and supporters to make this event continue successfully each year. One of the highlights is our International Cabaret. This is a great evening when our broader community (people from different countries and cultures throughout Nova Scotia) come to share not only their food, stories and entertainment, but to celebrate and share their customs with the community of Brookfield. The event is not to be missed and there is fun for everyone in the family. (see website for detailed brochure)

Brookfielders also support Terry Fox's dream of finding a cure for cancer. The Terry Fox Run Committee, another offshoot of the BCA, began thirteen years ago. In the last four years events have raised \$30,000 annually through events like Book & Bake Sales, Recycling, Golf Tournaments, Dinner Theatres and of course the ever popular Terry Fox Run with approximately 250-300 participants.

The Recreation and Leisure Committee of the Brookfield Community Assembly has nominated numerous volunteers in Brookfield for several provincial and municipal volunteer recognition awards. Successful nominations have included the Brookfield Lumber Company for the Building Healthier Futures Corporate Award (2002) and the Brookfield Terry Fox Run Committee for the Municipality of Colchester Community Group of the Year (2003). We have had three Brookfield volunteers receive the Colchester Volunteer of the Year Award in recent years as well as two individuals winning the Municipality of Colchester Pettigrew Leadership Award. In 2000, a Grade 12 student from South Colchester High School received the Provincial Youth Volunteer Award.

Every Christmas for the past eight years the "Food for the Spirit" program provides an evening of musical entertainment and fellowship in support of the Colchester Food Bank. It is the hope of the organizers that people will take a couple of hours out of their busy schedules to be together in a peaceful, relaxed and joyful atmosphere during this busy time of the year. Each spring a group of volunteers, both young and old, undertake our annual Road- Side Litter Clean Up program. Volunteers organize and help Public Health Services deliver a flu clinic in Brookfield.

Another dream emerged during discussions of the BCA and the Brookfield Community Plan was developed with the help of CoRDA (Colchester Regional Development Agency). Community focus groups were organized to decide what direction Brookfielders wanted to take. Through this process a total of 9 sub-committees were struck for the betterment of the community. The community shares a vision of the Community Plan and realize there are major opportunities to use our impressive organizational and leadership strengths to pursue that vision. The project is gaining momentum with support from community members, who are volunteering on the following sub-committees: Environment, Community Planning, Personal Safety, Services and Support for Youth and Seniors, Community Health, Business Growth, and Communication.

What would a community be without athletics? We are not sure because on February 1st, 1923, Reverend Lewis Parker and wife granted four acres of land to the village to be used for athletic purposes. A Board of Trustees was formed to look after the grounds and volunteers formed the Brookfield Athletic Association (BAA) to ensure the continued use in keeping with the wishes of the grantor. In 1937, the BAA was registered; since then it has operated the unique "Sportsmens Contest" (formerly the Big Game Hunt) as the BAA's primary fund-raiser. Funds raised are put into field improvements and to assist ball, soccer and hockey teams. Another unique fundraiser; the "Whing Ding" whose slogan has long been 'the place to meet your friends' is a long-standing highlight in the community. The Whing Ding is two evenings full of games of skill and chance, contests for all ages, free entertainment and fireworks and annually mobilizes about 100 volunteers. Over the years, the BAA has grown to include many types of recreation and facilities. The BAA provides support for all ages and both genders, in softball, curling, golf, and bowling and actively supports minor programs in hockey, volleyball, figure skating, softball, soccer as well as Athletic Awards at the high school. The BAA was a leader in the drive to raise funds to "enhance" the new high school. Elk Park is widely regarded as the best softball field in Eastern Canada. This small village is proud to have sent one of its native sons to play in the National Hockey League; after his career, he returned to Brookfield to raise his family. The brightest highlight was in 1980 when the Brookfield Elks captured the Canadian Senior Mens Fastpitch Softball Championship in Saskatoon (and subsequently

represented Canada at the 1981 World Games in California) – this was the first team ever from the East of Quebec to win this title. The BAA has promoted healthy living through athletic activities for all residents, and has set the bar extremely high both morally and ethically for its athletes.

In 1972 a man who had big dreams for this small community spoke at a Hockey School to a group of parents and disappointed players after the sun had melted their outdoor rink, saying that –“We cannot allow this to happen again. Instead of wasting our time, labour and money on this out-door rink, let us work together and build a decent Arena, with artificial ice.” The rest is history and in 1976 the Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex was officially opened and still provides an excellent facility for skating, hockey, curling, day care and a Seniors room. The Team Centre General Committee, a group of highly motivated and dedicated volunteers had 60 meetings that first year and ran various innovative fundraising ideas such as logathons, rinkathons, dog shows, a sale of groceries from a failed grocery store, Toyota Trek Walkathon, and sale of honorary seats and curling stones, all helped fund the million dollar project. Since the first ice went in the rink in April '75, the Sportsplex has been a vital component of the life of the residents of South Colchester. This wonderful facility serves the area with an NHL-size ice surface, a full service, four sheet Curling Club, with banquet facilities, an ice plant capable of operating both surfaces year-round, The All Around the Circle Senior Citizens' club room, the Sportsplex Pre-School, Minor Hockey association offices and meeting rooms.

The Sportsplex is a testament to the visionaries in Brookfield who conceived it, funded it, built it, and continue to operate it. The Sportsplex is still community owned and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors. For a village this size to have such an outstanding multi-purpose facility speaks volumes about the efforts and dedication of many and dreams realized. Another dream was realized in the late 1980's when a Brookfield man decided that Brookfield needed a golf course. By 1990, the Brookfield Golf and Country Club, a 9 hole golf course was established and in 1998 another 9 holes were opened for play.

Our preschool and two public schools are a source of pride for the community. We have a newly constructed junior/senior high school, South Colchester Academy and a newly renovated Brookfield Elementary School. Both schools have School Advisory Committees (SAC) which draw on volunteers from the community. Parents, mentors and community groups all volunteer at the schools.

SCHS (South Colchester High School – 1950-2003) and SCA have hosted between 65 and 70 international students under the Nova Scotia International Student Programs. With the numbers of foreign students at SCA in the past few years, ESL (English as a Second Language) has been implemented.

In April 2007, a group of 25 students from South Colchester Academy (SCA) had the chance to be part of Canadian history as they participated in the 90th anniversary commemorating the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France. These 25 students were the only students from Nova Scotia to attend this historic event. In March 2008, 30 students traveled to Europe to retrace the footsteps of Canadian soldiers from both World Wars. Entitled *Canada's Battlefields* this tour took students to such famous sites as Vimy Ridge, the beaches of Normandy, and the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres. The community of Brookfield appreciates the value of history and learning. Support for these trips has been unwavering by the community and the connections to the past have been enjoyed by all.

The Brookfield Railway Station was built adjacent to the railway tracks by the CNR in 1938. For many years this was the primary mode of transportation for the surrounding areas. By 1998 the station had been closed and just prior to demolition a group of volunteers acquired the building from CNR. Substantial funds were raised to "Save the Station" and relocate it to the present site in Edward Creelman Park. The station is now a tourist attraction and a focal point for many community functions held each year including the Terry Fox and Canada Day barbecues. The old station continues to be funded by the efforts of a volunteer Board.

For the betterment of the community: the Ed Creelman Park and the newly constructed wetlands ponds and walkways have been donated by Lafarge for community use. Ducks Unlimited have also partnered for the wetland project. The Ed Creelman Park was established and is maintained by the Brookfield Men's Club.

The 4-H Club has been active for over 50 years, and has a number of youth and adult volunteer leaders involved in that fine program. The Dr. Annie Hamilton Chapter of the I.O.D.E. supports a variety of diverse community projects. Several volunteers represent Brookfield on the South Colchester Community Health Board (SCCHB) who serve a vital role in the well-being of their communities, helping support many community-based projects. CHB's also help identify health priorities and provide advice to their District Health Authorities.

For thirteen years residents and visitors have enjoyed Christmas in Brookfield – Tours of Country Homes. Our homes are wonderfully decorated by the owners and then opened to the public for viewing. The tours include the Brookfield Railway Station, Knox United Church and the Fire Station and sometimes even horse stables! This event is sponsored by the United Church Women from Knox and free transportation is provided. Other special features are: various trees decorated by community businesses and groups, bidding on decorated wreaths (proceeds for Christmas Index) and viewing of donated stockings filled with gifts for the Christmas Index and donations for the food bank.

The “All Around the Circle” senior’s group has a lovely and spacious room at the Brookfield Sportsplex. Members, anyone over 55, meet monthly for a luncheon, with around 40 in attendance. After the meal, there is entertainment and fellowship. Programs include speakers, music, games, etc. Day-long bus trips are organized once or twice a year. The Club holds card parties once a week, which are open to everyone.

There have been many, many other success stories over the years. The most amazing aspect of Brookfield is that for all the years, its good and bad, every part of our story has been based on volunteers. Each succeeding generation has willingly carried on the tradition for the betterment of its citizens for the past 225 years – an extraordinary Bicentennial celebration was held in 1984. Another major strength of the community is its social organization and strong local leadership – its capacity to come together to address common concerns. There is not a great deal of social inequality, and a citizenry that is willing to embrace a diversity of interests, so people are able to discuss topics and reach agreement on projects or new ideas.

People make a community. We all have stories to share. Brookfielders have learned how to embrace our differences, to work together, to play together and to achieve a common goal. It is people who make our community what it is. Volunteers have been the heartbeat of our community and have helped shape Brookfield into the unique place we call home. Brookfielders have true feelings of faith – faith in the future – faith in ourselves – faith in a greater power that gives the community its energy and wisdom.

The legacy of all Brookfielders is our pride in who we are and where we come from - visionaries who see beyond, and volunteer for the betterment of all.

Till then

...I'll be coming home to Brookfield if I can.

See Brookfield’s website (another dream of the BCA) for more information and pictures.
(www.brookfieldnovascotia.ca)