The Town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove is very proud and pleased to announce the acquisition of 4.2 acres of scenic coastal land located at 680-684 Marine Drive, Outer Cove (commonly known as Stack’s Point), has been completed.

This prominent piece of property is located between the current Outer Cove and Middle Cove Lookout sites. It is this Council’s intention to ensure this scenic area remains protected for the enjoyment of our residents for now and for generations to come. It is our desire to develop and protect this parcel of land as a nature reserve park, kept in its natural state for bird and whale watching, vista intake, with amenities such as trails, picnic benches and historical boards.

**Background**

Coastal properties within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador have been purchased by local and foreign parties who have developed the land, erected fences, buildings, etc., prohibiting public access and obstructed coastal vistas. Since 2005, our Town has rezoned most of the coastal land within its municipal boundary to Open Space Conservation. This Council recognizes that our scenic coastal lands have an intrinsic value and are culturally, ecologically and historically sensitive.

Over the years, our Town has received several land development proposals for this property. Residents have had the opportunity to comment on development proposals in person during public briefings, letters to Council, a petition, as well as direct contact with Town Councillors and staff. The vast majority of the residential commentary has affirmed their desire to preserve this land and, by doing so, provided strategic direction to Council. We have listened. This land acquisition now allows Council the opportunity to rezone this parcel of land from Commercial Tourism to Open Space Conservation, thereby establishing a **nature reserve corridor** located from Outer Cove Beach to Middle Cove Beach.

During the acquisition process, we enlisted an independent professional appraisal for this property so as to establish fair market value. The appraised value of this property came in at $400,000.00. To lessen the financial burden to taxpayers, Council negotiated with the owners of the property an exchange of green space owned by the Town, plus a cash outlay of $250,000.00. Ministerial approval from the Province has also been granted.

**Next Steps**

As a sign of its commitment to the conservation of this property, Council will begin the process of rezoning this property to Open Space Conservation to be consistent with the zoning of the adjacent coastal lands. In the coming months, our Town will be engaging residents on ideas for complimentary development initiatives permitted within a nature reserve corridor. This beautiful nature reserve corridor will be open not only for you to enjoy, but your children, and your children’s children, and for many generations to come. It will serve to be a legacy for all.