



## THE FIRST STAGE FOR TARGA NEWFOUNDLAND 2010

The council of a town that is arguably more famous in New York City than in Canada has voted to join the Holyrood Stage of the 2010 Targa Newfoundland. The stage will be renamed as the Holyrood Harbour Main Stage.

The town council of Harbour Main – representing the communities of Harbour Main, Lakeview and Chapel's Cove -- approved a four-year contract with Targa this year as the three communities welcomed Targa Newfoundland back to their roads. They were among the first to host Targa stages in earlier years.

Since the turn of the last century many folks from the communities of Harbour Main, Lakeview and Chapel's Cove have journeyed to work in the city know as "The Big Apple". Where they went to work is more fascinating than why: They virtually all went to work on high steel as joiners, fitters and erectors for the skyscraper buildings of Manhattan and played a major part in building the city.



The three communities, forming the larger town of Harbour Main, have each retained their individual identities and reside next to Holyrood. Lakeside is inland while Harbour Main and Chapel's Cove are directly on the sea.

The 12 kilometre long competition stage starting in Holyrood and ending in Avondale will be held on Monday, September 13th, event organizers have announced. The stage will begin in Holyrood and travel along the Conception Bay shore, providing competitors with some of the most scenic vistas in Newfoundland. The stage will be new, and has been designed to set the tone for the first day's competition for both the Targa and Grand Touring categories. "We appreciate that these towns are bringing Targa Newfoundland back to their streets, and we wish to thank the mayor and council as well as their staff for the working with us to accomplish this," said Targa organizer Robert Giannou. "The first stage of the event is very important as it not only starts the competition, but it whets the competitors' appetite for the event. It also allows them to find a rhythm for the long and sometimes grueling week ahead."

"Throughout the years, Targa has demonstrated tremendous effort in supporting various charities and this year we are pleased to be associated with them in their partnership with The Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador," said Mayor Raymond Parsley. "In addition, this event will once again add to our local tourism potential in our three communities and surrounding area."

"We look forward to seeing Targa back in Harbour Main, Lakeview and Chapel's Cove and we extend an invitation to all the people from the surrounding communities to come and join us at this event," said the mayor.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

It is difficult to think of the town of Flatrock without thinking of Marion McCarthy. It has often been said that volunteers are the glue that binds communities together, well Marion is the stuff that the glue is made of.

Marion has been a fan and volunteer for Targa since 2002. She has worked countless hours extolling the value of Targa for the Town of Flatrock and Newfoundland and Labrador. She actively recruits and motivates sector captains and safety marshals which are necessary to safely run the Targa stage in her community. After the safety marshals are recruited she ensures that they attend the necessary training required to ensure that the stage is run on time and in a safe manner. Once the stage is run Marion leaves no stone unturned to make sure all safety marshals and others who donated their time receive their Targa baseball cap.

Marion McCarthy is a workhorse. She is active in her church, community affairs, and she is a member of the Town Council. If something requires doing in Flatrock, Marion can be found organizing a committee to ensure that it is completed in a timely manner. In addition to being very active in community affairs; she runs a household, looks after an extended family and makes it look easy. Marion is a shining example of the old saying, "If you want something done give the job to a busy person" Whenever I see Marion I always think of the national Battery that just keeps on ticking.

Thanks Marion for all your hard work!

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