

June 2010 White Point Resort, Nova Scotia

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In June of 2010 Linda and I (Tom) traveled to Nova Scotia in Canada. This is a photo journal of that trip. The first leg of our travels took us by car from Poughkeepsie, NY to Portland, ME where we spent the night. We then continued to St. John in New Brunswick. Here again we spent the night in preparation for an early ferry trip to Nova Scotia the next morning.

The ferry left New Brunswick about 9:00 in the morning and arrived in Digby, Nova Scotia around 3 hours later or about noon. We then continued south heading for our destination for a week at White Point Beach Resort, Queens County, Nova Scotia.

After a wonderful week of total relaxation and enjoyment at this wonderful location we then reversed and traveled back to Poughkeepsie.

I hope you enjoy this as much as we did.

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June 2, 2010 Arriving by ferry in Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada

After about a 3 hour ferry ride, we arrived in Digby, Nova Scotia. The pictures here don't really show the beauty of the coast line. One thing that I didn't know is that Digby is the Scallop capital of the world. We were told that more scallops are harvested off of Digby than at any other location.

The bottom picture is something we wondered about. It seems that they are actually farms for growing and harvesting salmon. We thought they were some sort of submarine or something like that from afar.





Here is an aerial view of the resort. The grounds and area are simply wonderful.

Our final destination for a week was White Pount Beach Resort. This is a condominium timeshare that we were able to exchange through RCI. At that time, I believe that this was the only timeshare on Nova Scotia.

White Point Resort, Nova Scotia



The folk at White Point call this a cottage, which is where we stayed for the week and we call it more like a new two bedroom house. As you see over the next pictures it is decorated and furnished very well. Every morning a newspaper and fresh firewood was delivered.

Our "cottage" was right in the woods. We could just barely see one of our neighbors to one side. But, for all practical purposes we were really very secluded with plenty of privacy.





And here is where all that freshly delivered wood was used. As it was early June, a fireplace was a welcome addition.



The dining/living room area. The room was a great room, including the kitchen, dining and livings areas.



This is an example of the room decorations. A very nice touch.



Our master bedroom.

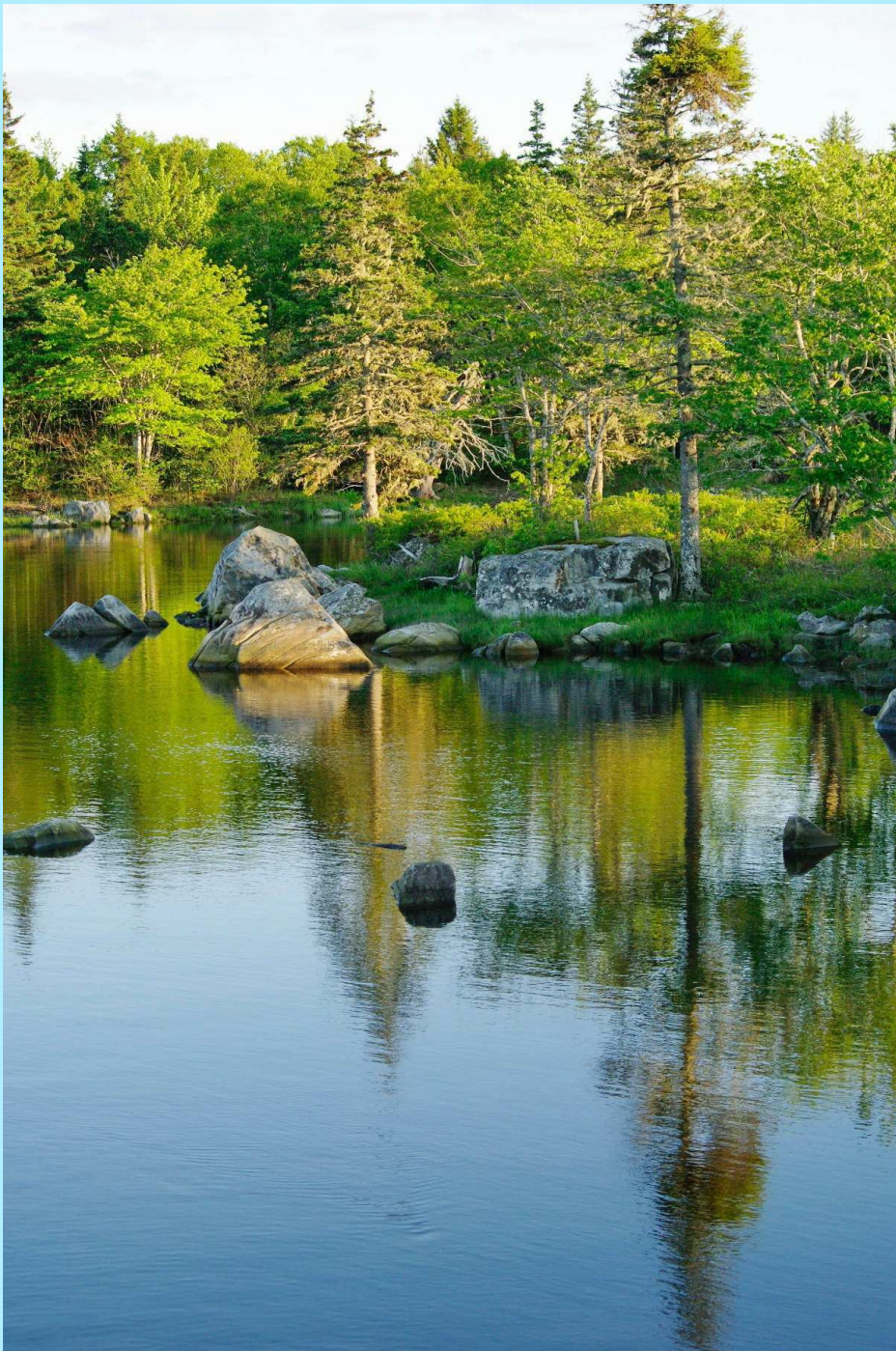


Guest room, that was never used.

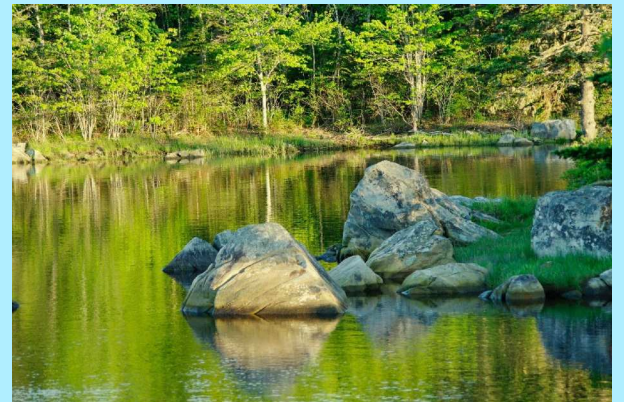


And the bunnies!!!

They're all over the place. They're a mix of domestic and wild bunnies that just live outside on the grounds. Some people have even dropped off bunnies, because they know they'll be well fed and cared for. And, yes, you can feed them. :-)

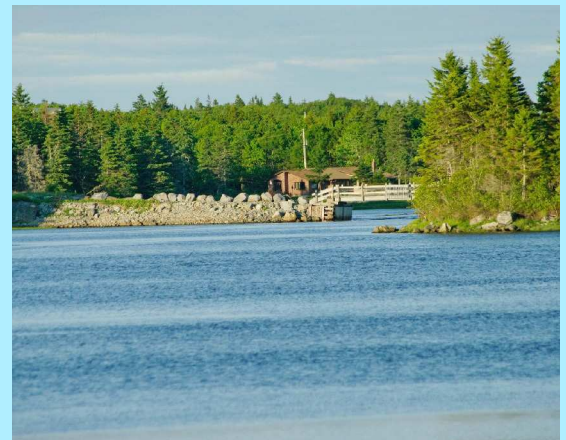
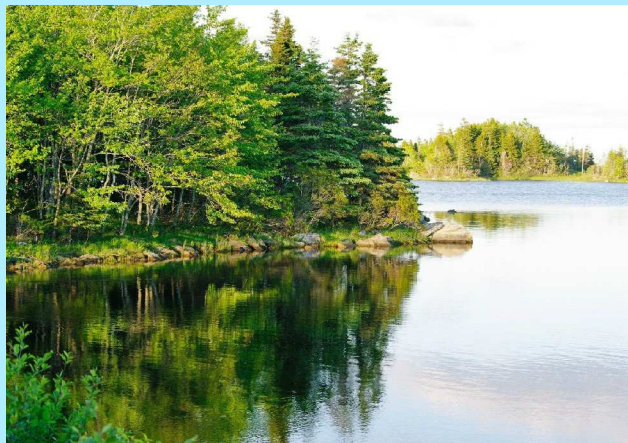
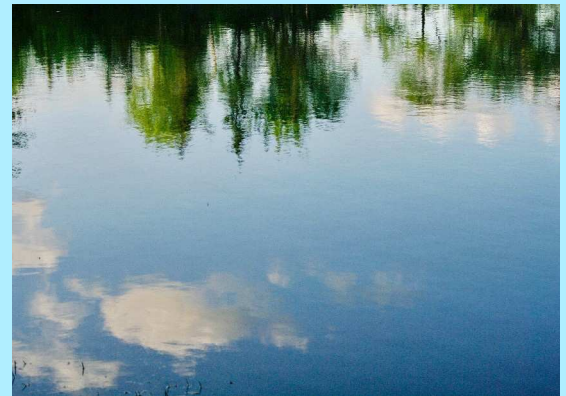
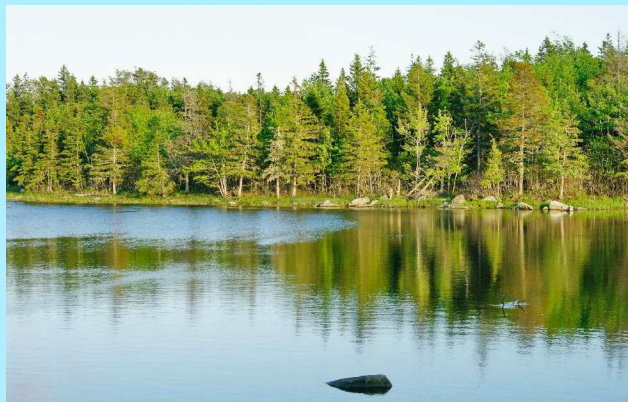


Here are some of the original cabins which have recently been refurbished.



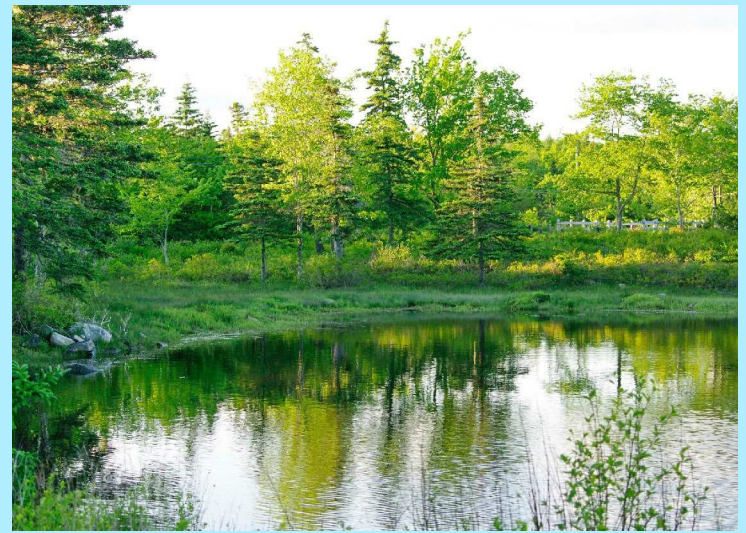
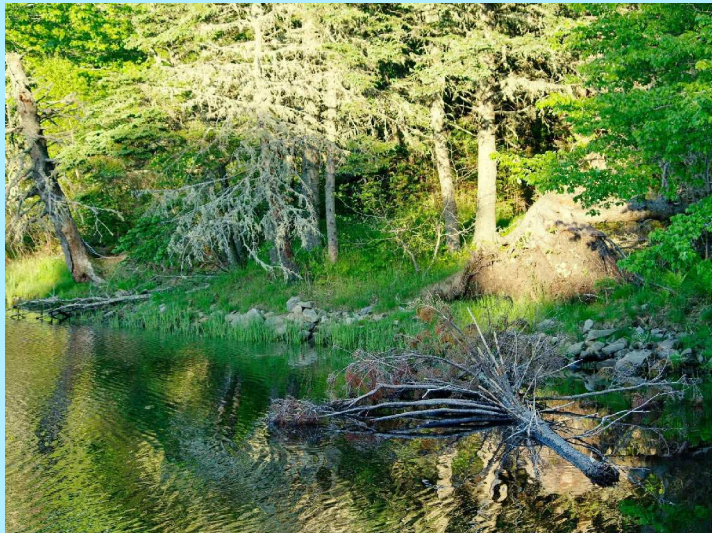
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Some shots of, what we think is a fresh pond. It's fed from a stream on the upper end, but also the sea stills in at high tide.



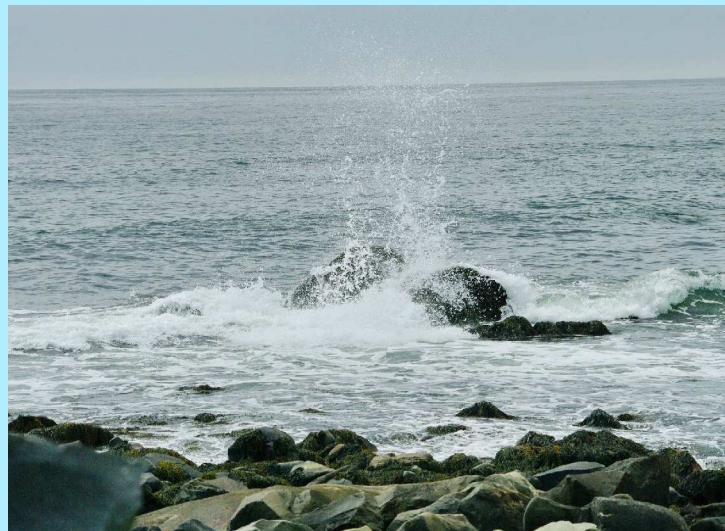
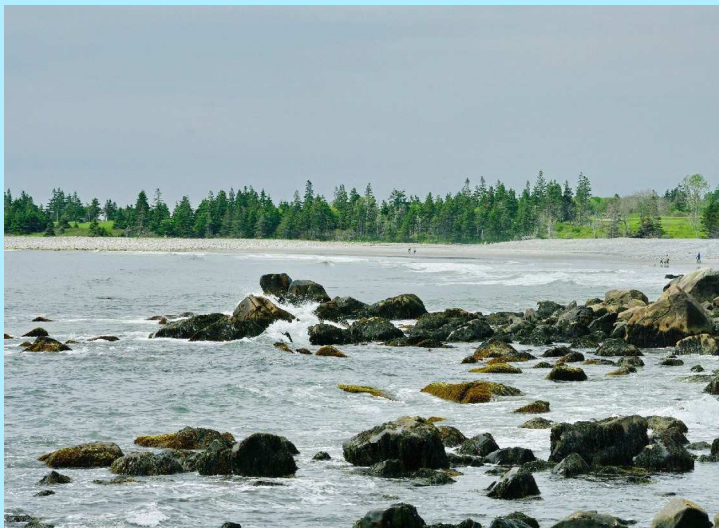
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There was water to see, just about everywhere you looked.



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Views from the lodge.



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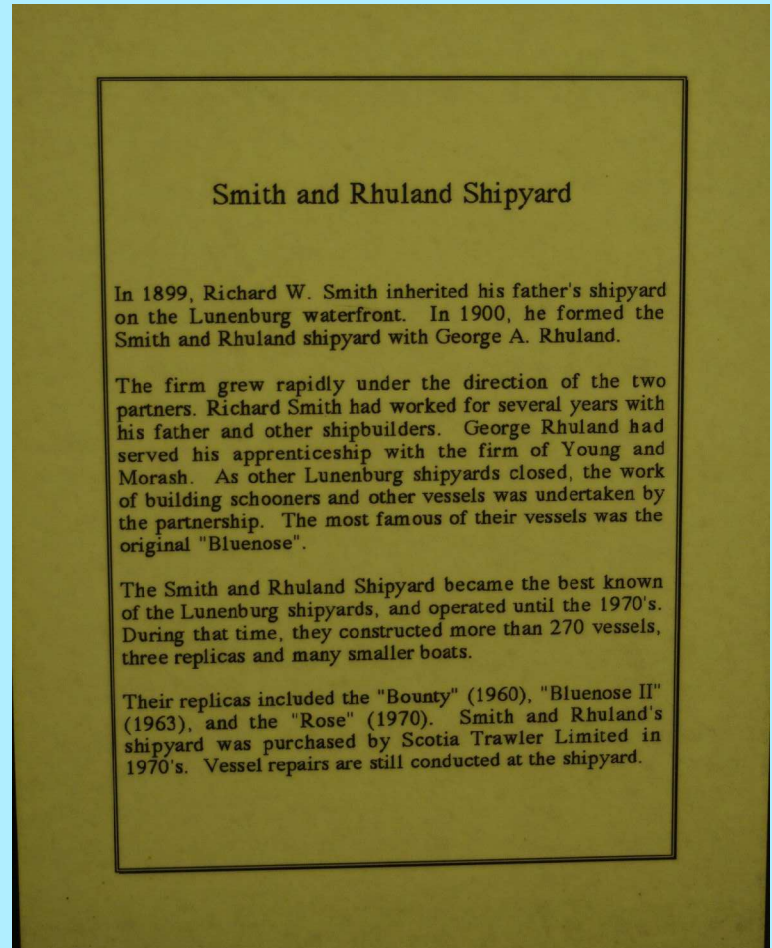


One of our day trips took us north to a town called Lunenburg. Little did we know the history of this area, as ship building has been its main industry for many years.

To the right is an image of a sign taken while we were at lunch one day. It mentions "The Bounty" which is the ship built for Metro Goldwyn Mayer, to be used in the movie classic "Munity on the Bounty" as well as being filmed as "The Black Pearl" in the more recent "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies.



Do I need to say anything about the way they decorate their fire hydrants in town?



Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Here is some good information on the famous ship "Bluenose" of which we have a model on our mantel.

Designed by William Roué and built by Smith and Rhuland, *Bluenose* was launched at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia on March 26, 1921, and christened by Audrey Marie Smith. She was built to be a racing ship and fishing vessel, in response to the defeat of the Nova Scotian Fishing Schooner *Delawana* by the Gloucester, Massachusetts in 1920, in a race sponsored by the *Halifax Herald* newspaper.

After a season fishing on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, *Bluenose* defeated *Elsie* (out of Gloucester), returning the International Fishermen's Trophy to Nova Scotia. In 1930, off Gloucester, Massachusetts, she was defeated 2–0 in the inaugural Sir Thomas Lipton International Fishing Challenge Cup by perhaps her most celebrated competitor, the Gertrude L. Thebaud. However, over the next 17 years of racing, no challenger, American or Canadian, could wrest the International Fishermen's Trophy from her.

She was no mere racing ship, but also a general fishing craft that was worked hard throughout her lifetime. She fished cod and other kinds of groundfish, and at least once won competitions for largest catches of the season and similar awards.



Lunenburg, Nova Scotia



The Maritime Museum. We had our lunch that day, right next door and the Bluenose II is docked on the bay end of the museum.

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Notice all the wonder colors of the buildings. Very nice, indeed.



Liverpool, NS

SHERMAN HINES MUSEUM ^{OF} PHOTOGRAPHY

On one of our daily excursions we traveled to Liverpool. There we found the museum of Sherman Hines. While it was sort of a small museum, we found it very fascinating. Linda and I were the only people there at the time so we were able to roam around at our own pace.



The image above is sort of hard to visualize, so I'll try and explain. We were sitting in a very dark room, maybe 10 feet by 10 feet or so. On the wall behind us was a small hole to the outside, with a lens in front of it. On the opposite wall, where we were facing, was a projected image of what that lens was seeing outside on the street. Of course, because of the optics of lens, the image was upside down and backwards. If you look real close you'll see a building, which is upside down. We were able to even see people walking by on the street. Of course, we were sitting in a real camera all this time.

Liverpool, NS

I confirmed with Mr. Hines via e-mail that the picture below was taken as-is with no special effects of any sort.



The other three shots are simply some of the camera in his collection. Notice the size of the one in the lower left as compared to Linda standing in front of it.



Shelburn, NS

Our next outing found us in the town of Shelburn, which is about 40-50 miles south of White Point Resort.

There was this wonderful antique shop in town. It even had a ship's figurehead, as being viewed by Linda below. Fortunately for us, I think, it was closed or we'd have been bringing lots of stuff home with us.



Historic Dory Shop



Shelburn, NS



Old woodworking machinery.



I can only imagine this was to cut angular holes.

Shelburn, NS



The Epilog of Our Trip

We ended up having a wonderful time at White Point Resort and definitely agreed that we'd be returning. We even both thought that it was, in fact, one of our best vacations.

Let's jump forward to mid-2011. We had been trying to plan our trips for the following year and our good friends Tim and Kelly came to mind. They own a cabin on Augur Lake in the Adirondack Mountains of New York and have been more than generous with having us staying up there. Actually, here's a picture of the cabin at "Auggie" as we've come to call it.



So, we were thinking that we have this timeshare available to us and that we'd like to share it with them. What better place than at White Point. So, I got right onto the RCI web site looking for a week that would be available in July or August of 2012. You see, Tim is a teacher, and therefore can only vacation during the summer months. I was able to find 3 days and immediately reserved it, hoping that additional time would become available. Well, time marched on and I was checking and rechecking, but never found anything. Then one Saturday evening in November, the 12th I believe, we were having Time and Kelly for dinner. Before their arrival I decided to contact White Point directly to see if we could just rent directly from them as we really wanted to go and Tim and Kelly were psyched about the trip as well. I didn't have the phone number so I went to White Point's web site. We were devastated, as we read about their recent fire! The next few pages explain it best.

Fire at historic White Point Beach Resort



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Flames consume the lodge at the White Point Beach Resort, a well-known tourist destination outside of Liverpool, N.S. (Twitter) The main lodge at the popular and historic White Point Beach Resort on Nova Scotia's south shore was destroyed by fire Saturday. John Leefe, mayor of the Region of Queens Municipality, said he first heard about the fire around 2:30 p.m. The fire was still burning Saturday evening.

"The building, from anecdotal information I'm getting, may well be a total loss," Leefe said. RCMP Staff Sgt. Jeff Wells said all staff and guests had been counted and there were no injuries. He said it's too early to say what the cause of the fire was, but he said it spread quickly because the building was a wooden structure and there were strong winds. Wells estimated eight to 10 fire departments, possibly up to 60 firefighters, came to fight the fire in the main lodge, which was fully engulfed in flames. He said he believed firefighters would be there overnight.

The lodge housed guest rooms, a dining room, a kitchen, a conference centre and a swimming pool. A wedding was scheduled Saturday evening. He said some guests stayed and others had to be relocated. "There's still power to the majority of the resort," Wells said. "However the main building is shut down and is a loss." According to its website, White Point Beach Resort began as a private hunting and fishing lodge in 1928 and has had several expansions since it opened.

The lodge housed the dining room, conference centre, kitchen and swimming pool. (Matthew Wheelans/Twitter) The resort employs 175 people and Leefe called it a huge blow to the region, which is already dealing with tourism woes and a possible shutdown of the Bowater Mersey Paper Co. Ltd. mill. In June, the province gave the resort a \$1 million from its soon-to-be-scraped Industrial Expansion Fund to increase marketing and to make upgrades to its infrastructure. The loan is valid for 10 years and carries an interest rate of 5.5 per cent. The resort was kicking in another \$400,000 to improve rooms and recreation facilities. Work was scheduled to begin in January 2012.

Leefe said it's not clear what will happen now. The resort is a popular tourist destination in Nova Scotia.

Rebuilding White Point – Main Lodge Design Released



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Posted by White Point Beach Resort Team on February 14th, 2012

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Tuesday February 14, 2012 – White Point, Nova Scotia

Three months have passed following the devastating fire on November 12, 2011 that destroyed White Point Beach Resort's Main Lodge. Owner Robert Risley along with his team at White Point beamed with pride today as they shared the design of the new Main Lodge to be constructed over the next several months and readied for opening in Fall 2012.

Rebuilding White Point – Main Lodge Design Released

Inspired and energized by the overwhelming outpouring of support from White Pointers, Robert says he knew the new lodge would have to recapture that familiar, comfortable feeling of the White Point we remember so well. “As we had hoped, with more than 100 submissions online, White Pointers came forth with their suggestions for our new Lodge. It was reassuring to know many of the thoughts for the Lodge, reflected our own.” says Risley.

In early January, the Resort’s Management Team, joined by the local design team of WHW Architects, Design 360, and J.W. Lindsay Enterprises; gathered to get the planning underway leading to today’s announcement.

“It gives me great pleasure to present the design of our new Lodge.” says Risley, “It truly captures the essence of the former Lodge, yet is distinctive and original, a perfect tribute to be enjoyed for many generations.”

Like the original, the new lodge will be sustainably constructed with local, natural materials, such as wood and stone. With modern windows, insulation and efficient mechanical and electrical systems, the new lodge will have a smaller ecological footprint, using much less water and energy than the old building.

The building’s internal features provide all the amenities of the original, and more. On the main level, guests will be welcomed into a reception area with soaring ceilings and stunning views of the ocean. Everyone will be drawn to the Lodge’s new heart: the warmth of twin wood burning, stone fireplaces surrounded with comfortable seating for relaxing.

Accessibility enhancements will welcome guests on each of its two levels. Its orientation will maximize passive solar heating and provide wonderful views of the beach from all areas. Oceanside decks with overhead trellises will provide protected areas to relax and enjoy the beautiful oceanfront sights and sounds of the Atlantic Ocean.

The upper level includes a lounge, 3,000 square foot divisible meeting and convention room with a wood burning fireplace and a 3,000 square foot dining room also with a fireplace, both served by a new, modern commercial kitchen.

The lower level will feature an indoor pool, hot tub and sauna, fitness centre, games room and “kids’ zone”. Spaces also include a spa and two barrier-free guest rooms, all with signature White Point views. The building pays homage to the original with hipped roofs and deep protective overhangs reminiscent of the iconic White Point beach umbrellas. The brightly coloured red roof with twin projecting stone chimneys will be a beacon for guests strolling the beach or teeing off on the 6th hole.

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White Point's General Manager, Danny Morton, echo's Risley's pride. Morton says the new Lodge design continues the great traditions of White Point. "The Design Team has done an amazing job capturing the essence of White Point while providing optimal flexibility of the spaces enabling us to meet the needs of our guests. Our White Point team looks forward to welcoming White Pointers back to the beach to celebrate and enjoy many more great days."

With an anticipated opening in the late Fall of 2012, construction is expected to begin in early April at a cost of just over \$4 million. For those interested in following the progress, the White Point Construction Webcam at www.novascotiawebcams.com, and regular updates are provided at www.whitepoint.com.

White Point is a favourite year-round oceanfront beach destination for vacationers and meeting delegates on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. While the 84 year old main property is closed until the Fall for the new Lodge construction, the eleven RCI Gold Crown Vacation Cottages and two Executive Vacation Homes are open throughout 2012.



Arial view of White Point Beach Resort, in Queens County, Nova Scotia. This is on the southern end of the island.

This picture was taken in July of 2011 prior to the devastating fire in November of 2011, which destroyed the entire lodge on the right. See the end of the book for some details on this.