

STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made at Port au Choix, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador
this 22nd day of September, 2009.

BETWEEN: **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT
OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR,**
as represented by the Honourable the Minister
of Environment and Conservation

(hereinafter called the "Minister")

-of the one part-

AND: **THE TOWN OF PORT AU CHOIX**
a corporation pursuant to Section 15 of the *Municipalities Act*,
1999

(hereinafter called the "Town")

-of the other part-

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has entered into a partnership with
others for the implementation of the Limestone Barrens Habitat Stewardship Program funded
through the Government of Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk;

AND WHEREAS the parties hereto recognize that stewardship of the Limestone Barrens habitat
is fundamental towards maintaining biodiversity and ensuring the conservation of this habitat;

AND WHEREAS the Minister proposes that certain important Limestone Barrens habitat within
the Town be protected through and with the cooperation of the Town in accordance with this
Agreement and a Conservation Plan developed hereafter;

AND WHEREAS the Town has agreed to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of
protecting those areas of important Limestone Barrens habitat within its jurisdiction.

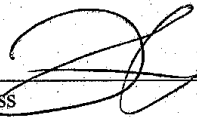
NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

1. The lands herein delineated and designated as a Stewardship Zone (being the lands outlined on a certain Schedule annexed hereto and marked "A") shall be managed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement including any Conservation Plan developed hereafter for better protection of the Limestone Barrens.
2. Within the Stewardship Zone, the Parties will establish Management Units identified in Schedule "A" and other Management Units as may be desirable from time to time which shall be subject to the terms and conditions of a Conservation Plan designated to protect the Limestone Barrens habitat.
3. The Conservation Plan shall be developed in cooperation with the Minister and the Minister agrees to provide such advice and expertise necessary or advisable for the development of the Conservation Plan.
4. The Town agrees that in the preparation of a Municipal Plan for the Town or any amendments to any existing Municipal Plan, the areas designated as Management Units shall be recommended by the Town to be appropriately declared protected areas under subsection 13(3)(f) of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000* (or such other legislation in amendment or substitution therefore as may be brought into effect from time to time). The Town in passing regulations or by-laws related to the protected areas so designated under the Municipal Plan or amendments thereto and which may affect the Stewardship Zone shall do so in consultation with the Minister and in keeping with the principals of this Agreement.
5. The parties to this Agreement, their consultants, servants, or agents, shall have and exercise reasonable rights of access to the Stewardship Zone for all purposes necessary or incidental to this Agreement and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, for the purpose of developing and carrying out the Conservation Plan.
6. Each of the parties agree that they will exercise their best efforts to further develop management measures for more effectively carrying out their mutual intentions as expressed in this Agreement.
7. If at any time during the term of this Stewardship Agreement the Parties deem it necessary or desirable to make any alterations or additions to it, they may do so by means of a written amendment between them which shall be supplemental to and form part of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused these presents to be executed in accordance with their respective rules and regulations on the day and year first before written.

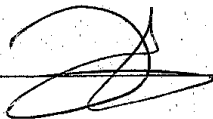
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

by the Honourable the Minister of
Environment and Conservation
in the presence of:

Witness 


**THE HONOURABLE CHARLENE
JOHNSON, MINISTER OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSERVATION**

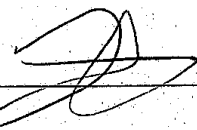
THE SEAL OF the Town of Port au Choix
hereunto affixed in the
presence of:

Witness 


THE TOWN OF PORT AU CHOIX

SIGNED AND DELIVERED

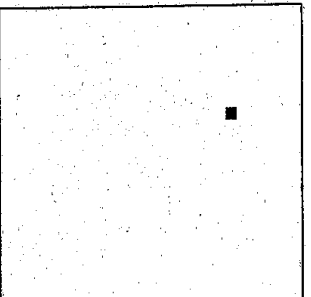
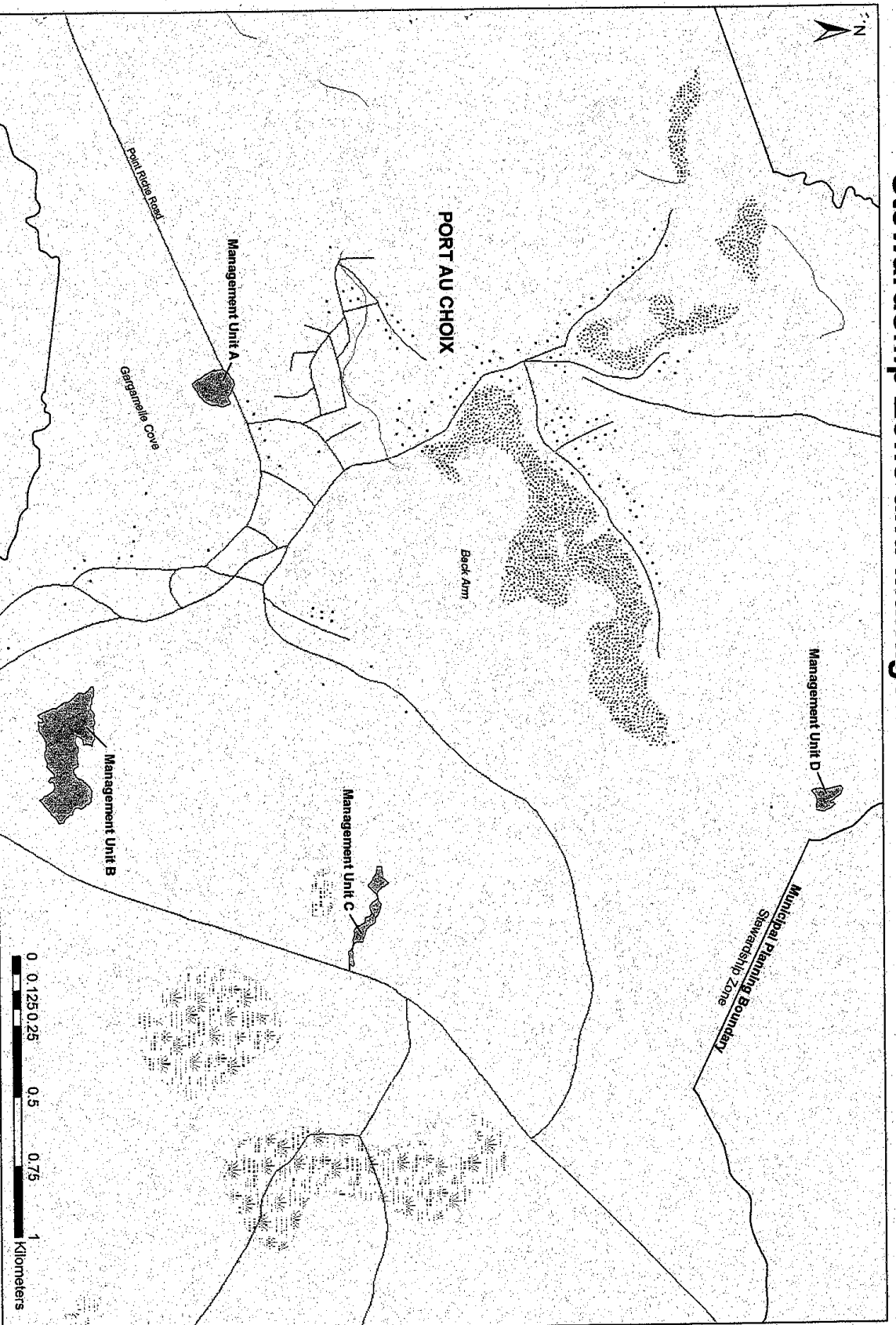
by the Program Manager for the
Limestone Barrens Habitat Stewardship
Program in the presence of:

Witness 


**PROGRAM MANAGER, LIMESTONE
BARRENS HABITAT STEWARDSHIP
PROGRAM**

SCHEDULE A

Stewardship Zone and Management Units for the Town of Port Au Choix



Legend

- Municipal Boundary (Stewardship Zone)
- Management Units
- Buildings
- Powerline
- Roads
- Rivers/Streams
- Bogs
- Waterbodies
- Foresore Flats
- Vegetation