

## **Fort Williams Park Foundation**

### **Report to the Fort Williams Park Committee**

**October 20, 2016**

Arboretum Highlights from the past month:

#### **Children's Garden**

- We celebrated the grand opening of the Garden on Sept. 9 to great acclaim. We are grateful to all who attended the ceremony.
- Feedback from the public has been very positive, and the Garden continues to receive new and repeat visitors.
- We have been happy to see new contributions come in from people impressed with the Garden; mostly through paver sales.

#### **Cliff Walk Landscape**

- Vegetation Control Services is scheduled next Wednesday, Oct 26, to apply herbicides to recently-cut Asiatic honeysuckle shrubs and bittersweet vines in the upper area of the landscape; in particular, along future footpath routes.
- The Bafflin Foundation has recently awarded the Foundation \$16,700 to cover the cost for the 8-segment trail system, so we will begin installation of these trails next spring, 2017.

#### **Volunteers**

- In addition to many Adopters doing routine maintenance at the three completed Arboretum sites, recent groups helping with landscape maintenance and invasive plant control include Faber Law Group, SMCC Landscape Management class, Caring Kids of Cape, the entire Cape Elizabeth 7th Grade, TD Bank, Pati Wolfe, Alere, and Greater Portland Oracle Group.