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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Storms and Rising Sea Level Reshape McNabs Island**

**Special presentation of the Friends of McNabs Island – April 13, 2016**

(April 7, 2016) Join the **Friends of McNabs Island Society** for our **26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** and presentation on **Wednesday, April 13** at 6:30 pm in the **Small Craft Gallery** of the **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**, 1675 Lower Water Street, on the Halifax waterfront.

**Special guest speaker will be Vincent Leys, a coastal engineer with the Halifax consulting engineering firm, CBCL Limited.** Vincent will talk about the **impact of storms and sea level rise on McNabs Island** based on recent work.

“We used historical information and computer modeling to see how coastal processes and sea level rise are impacting the shoreline of Maugers Beach and the lighthouse area. This gives us an insight into what to expect in the future,” says Vincent, who has worked on several projects related to adapting waterfronts and harbours to a changing climate and rising sea levels.

When Hurricane Juan roared over McNabs Island in September 2003, McNabs Pond was breached open and the old isthmus breakwater between the beach and the iconic Maugers Beach Lighthouse was severely damaged.



“We are pleased that Vincent can join us for our annual meeting. His presentation will shed more light into the coastal processes that are changing the shoreline of McNabs Island,” says Cathy McCarthy of Friends of McNabs Island.

**Friends of McNabs Island Society** is a volunteer-driven, registered charity dedicated to preserving and protecting McNabs and Lawlor Island Provincial Park. Since 1990, the Friends of McNabs have improved the trails and park facilities, organized community beach cleanups and offered guided tours to island visitors – making McNabs Island a welcoming park for everyone.

This presentation is free and open to the public. For more details contact, [info@mcnabsisland.ca](mailto:info@mcnabsisland.ca) or visit: [www.mcnabsisland.ca](http://www.mcnabsisland.ca).

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