

# McBroom transforming St. Andrews, N.B.'s Algonquin Golf Course

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ST. ANDREWS, New Brunswick, Canada — While Thomas McBroom's Crowbush Cove was receiving world-wide accolades during the recent Export "A" Skins Game on Prince Edward Island, the Canadian designer was busily applying his architectural hand to another Maritimes layout, the Algonquin Golf Course here at St. Andrews-By-The-Sea.

Canadian Pacific operates the Algonquin, including the hotel, for the provincial government. First opened in 1894, Donald Ross put his hand to the design in the 1920s. The course has been significantly altered over the years, according to head professional Lindon Garron.

The current facility includes a regulation 18-hole and an executive nine-hole layout.

McBroom is condensing that down to a single 18-hole course that takes advantage of the expansive views of Passamaquoddy Bay and New Brunswick's rocky coast.

The ocean will be visible from almost every spot on the course. The signature hole may eventually be the par-3, 12th, which drops approximately 75 feet from



Algonquin Golf Club's 12th hole will be one of several with views of the Atlantic Ocean.

the tee down to a green perched on the rocks no more than 50 feet from the Atlantic Ocean.

The first nine is scheduled to open next June and the second nine a year later.

A state-of-the-art practice facility will accommodate an expanded

teaching program.

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Garron said the renovation will cost approximately \$6.7 million.

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system will apply water supplied by the community's public water system.

The government and local environmental groups have been very supportive of the project, Garron said.

During the earthmoving process, builders came upon a midden, an ancient Indian refuse heap consisting of clam and mussel shells the native Passamaquoddy had piled by the shore hundreds of years ago.

CP officials contacted the Passamaquoddy tribal leaders, who agreed to allow the midden to be incorporated into the course design as long as a marker was placed near the site informing golfers of the Passamaquoddy's contributions to the local culture.

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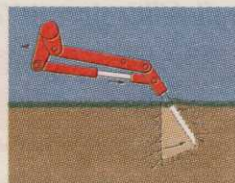
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