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# What do YOU see as the future of Fleming Cottage?



by Linda Levin, Member of Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park
When you pass through the stone gates to the Dingle Rd and make your way down the street toward Fleming Park, you are, in a sense, stepping back in time. Halfway down, at 30 Dingle Rd, you will see the historic Fleming Cottage, once home to the caretaker for Sir Sandford Fleming's summer property, which he called the Dingle.

Fleming Cottage, designated a Municipal Heritage Property in 1985,

is now boarded up and falling into disrepair. With the historic designation comes the responsibility for HRM, as owner, to maintain the building so it is not lost forever. That is why Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park, a local citizens group who advocate for the park, recently circulated a petition asking the City to restore the cottage to the way it was originally in 1908. That petition was signed by more than 1500 people.

The petition was presented to HRM Mayor and Council on February

9th by District 9 Councillor Shawn Cleary, who proposed a motion for a Staff Report to detail necessary repairs and costs for the project, and uses for the restored property. The motion was passed unanimously – a welcome first step! However, restoration cannot begin until the Staff Report is completed and approved, and the funds needed also approved from next year's budget.

Fleming Cottage is an important part of Fleming Park heritage because of its direct personal connection to Sir Sandford Fleming. It is believed that Fleming died in the cottage, occupied by his daughter at that time. The cottage, the stone barn behind the cottage, the stone church (now Adventure Earth Center), and the Loop Road trail in the park are together key elements of the historical context of Fleming Park. Fleming's grandchildren's ponies were housed in the barn and ridden around the Loop Rd, and the church was built on Fleming's property.

Sir Sandford Fleming (b.1827 - d.1915) was an inventor and engineer who played a major role in Canadian history. He was Chief Surveyor of the Intercolonial Railway - Canada's first national infrastructure project connecting NS, NB, Québec and Ontario - and was present as Chief Engineer when the last spike was driven for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885. He designed Canada's first postage stamp, the Three Penny Beaver. Sir Sandford Fleming is often called the "Father of Standard Time" because he invented the world's time zone system.

An important consideration is how Fleming Cottage will be used once it is restored. Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park would like to see this historic site open for public viewing in some capacity. Perhaps it might be an interpretive center for the park, a museum showcasing Fleming and his accomplishments, a place for school children to learn about the importance of Sir Sandford Fleming to local, national and international history, or a combination of all of that and more.

We need your input for how HRM can showcase this important piece of our history so that it is put to the best possible use for all to benefit from

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# Sammy says

Although SACA was not able to host our annual Sambro Sou'Wester Days festival in August 2020, and it remains to be seen whether we will be able to host it this year, our fundraising efforts continue with the future in mind.

Now that the fire station personnel have moved to their new location, we will seek to obtain the decommissioned fire station. This will be a great space for local clubs, groups, and individuals for events such as weddings, birthday and anniversary parties, meetings, health and well-

ness services, support groups, classes of all types, local business expos and more, and will include the option for licensed events. Having our own permanent building will also mean the success of our annual festival will be less weather dependent.

SACA is currently running a 50/50 draw, with tickets available from March 1 until March 31. The draw will take place April 1 at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of Mishoo's store in Sambro, and as always will be broadcast live on Sambro Area Community Association's Facebook page @ SACApage.

Past lucky winners include: Cheryl

Foulkes \$2,382.50, Penny Henneberry \$1,030, Jill Gray \$2,550 and Cyndi Garrison \$1,250. Will you be next? Be sure to head on over to https://raffle-box.ca/raffle/Sambro. Prices are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20, 20 for \$50 or 50 for \$100.

For the ease and safety of everyone involved, tickets are available for purchase online only. If you're having difficulty making your purchase online, you can reach out to Lorrie Boylen on social media or at LorrieBoylen@gmail.com and she will assist you.

Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

# **Cottage**

(continued from page 1) and enjoy.

Please send your suggestions to me at Levin@eastlink.ca. The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park will be compiling a list of proposals to be passed along for consideration to Councillor Cleary and the staff who are writing the report. Let your voices be heard! We look forward to hearing your ideas!

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#### DISCOVERING OUR PAST



#### Mary Ethel Critchley spent much of her life at the Northwest Arm

by Iris V. Shea

Mary Ethel Critchley was the eldest daughter of Sir Sandford Fleming. Many Jollimore residents after 1910 knew the Critchley name and would refer to Fleming's Cottage on the Dingle Road as Critchley's house. Critchley's Wharf near the north end of the seawall is still seen as an outcropping of stones into the Northwest Arm.

Mary Ethel, known as Minnie, seemed to share a special fondness of the Dingle Lands with her father. Fleming wrote in his diary over a period of years that the family spent Minnie's birthday, September 3rd, enjoying a picnic at the Dingle. Following their mother's death in 1888, Minnie and her younger sister, Lily, remained living with their father at Winterholme in Ottawa until they married...Minnie at the age of 35 and Lily at the age of 30. Both daughters would often accompany their father on his travels to Europe and England. Lily married William Exshaw in 1891. His family owned and operated wineries in France and he was well liked and respected by his father-in-law.

On July 17, 1893, Fleming wrote in his Diary: "Surprised to get a letter from T.O. Critchley in Calgary that he and Minnie are engaged, asking consent to marry. Acknowledged receipt of letter. Told him he must get an occupation." In September of that same year Fleming took Minnie on a world tour to Australia and France to visit Lily and her new son, Noel Exshaw, and to London, England, on their way home, in January 1894. On February 5, 1894 Critchley arrived in Ottawa from Calgary and spoke again about marrying Minnie. Fleming, once again, told him to find an occupation. In April 1894 Fleming got Minnie to place her money with Trustees and Critchley left for Toronto. On July 12, 1894 Fleming received a telegram from his eldest son, Frank, to say "Minnie was married to T.O. Critchley today." Fleming wrote in his diary on July 13th, and again on July 19th, "Miss Minnie very much."

The Critchleys, following their honeymoon in Halifax, visited Minnie's father on their way to Calgary. Thomas Critchley had purchased the Red River Lodge, a large cattle ranch near Calgary. Fleming's wedding gift to the couple was 100 purebred Hereford cattle. By 1899 ranching had lost its charm and Thomas Critchley joined the Constabulary. That, too, was short-lived. In August, 1901 Minnie sent a telegram to her father who was visiting the Exshaws at their estate in Scotland, "Tom left the Constabulary, what shall we do?" Fleming's reply, "All come home, draw for funds". By this time Minnie and Tom Critchley had two sons. Thomas Sandford was born when Minnie was visiting her father in Ottawa in 1896. Their 2nd son, Oswald Francis Walter, was born 16 September 1897 in Ottawa and baptized the following year



Among those attending the ceremony were Mary Ethel Critchley, centre, standing beside her father, Sir Sandford Fleming, with her two young sons in front of her wearing the raincoats. The tall man in the foreground is the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, the Honorable Duncan Fraser.

on Minnie's birthday, September 3rd, "at the little chapel across the Arm" (St. Augustine's in Jollimore).

The Critchleys were back and forth to Blenheim Lodge in Halifax and to Winterholme, Fleming's residence in Ottawa. It is unclear if Tom Critchley had an occupation. In 1911 they moved into the Cottage on the Dingle Road. What seems evident is that Fleming loved his daughter Minnie very much and continued to be there for her but he still had problems accepting and trusting her husband. In October 1908, when Fleming set aside 95 acres of his Dingle Lands for the City of Halifax to build the Memorial Tower, he also subdivided his remaining land into seven equal lots, each lot with water frontage on the Northwest Arm. Each of Fleming's six surviving children received one of those lots, numbered one to six. Fleming kept the seventh lot containing the cottage and the stone wharf until 1913 at which time he deeded it to his two youngest sons, Walter and Hugh.

Lily Exshaw purchased Blenheim Lodge from her father in 1905. She and her family were frequent visitors to Halifax. The address for Blenheim Lodge was 14 Oxford Street in 1915 and the Halifax City Directory in the spring of 1915 listed William Exshaw and his son, Noel, as residents at that address, along with the names of Sir Sandford Fleming and Thomas Critchley. A second address, The Dingle, Northwest Arm, was listed for Thomas Critchley as his summer residence. On July 22, 1915 Sir Sandford Fleming died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Critchley, at the Northwest Arm, according to newspaper accounts of his death. The family accompanied his body by train to Ottawa. From the wording in Halifax newspapers, the cottage on the Dingle Road appears to be where Fleming died of pneumonia.

The Critchleys remained at the cottage on the Dingle Road for several years after Fleming's death. In 1920

Lily Exshaw purchased the cottage and lot number seven from her two brothers for \$8000 and sold it in 1935 to John W. MacLeod. The Critchleys

at the Kentville Sanitorium in 1927. His parents moved into the Elmwood Hotel in Kentville to be near their son during his illness. Their elder son, Thomas Sandford (Sankey) moved to Blenheim, Marborough, New Zealand. Minnie and Thomas Critchley followed him to New Zealand in 1934. One year later T.O Critchley died at his son's residence at the age of 72 years. Minnie remained in New Zealand at Winterhome, the name of her son's residence at Blenheim. She died in 1945 and is buried beside her husband in Upper Wairau Valley Cemetery, Blenheim, Marlborough, New Zealand. Generations of the Critchley family created the beautiful Winterhome Gardens (check out the website by that name online.) It is located above the rugged Marlborough coastline in New Zealand and offers tours during their summer months, October through to March. I believe Sir Sandford would be very proud of Minnie's descendants.

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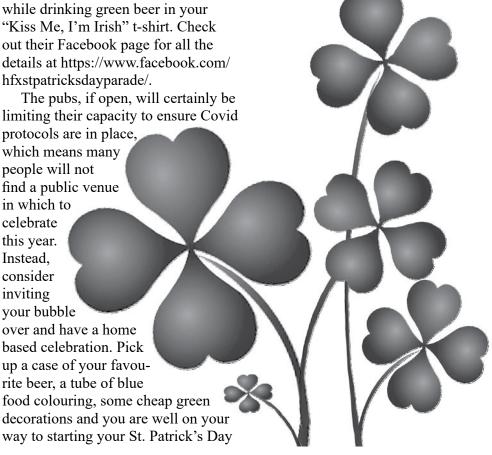
# **Celebrating St. Patrick's** Day, Covid style

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, the one day of the year that Everyone is Irish. In past years, this meant parades, green beer in the pubs, the smell of corned beef and cabbage wafting through restaurants, and everyone wearing something green. This year, the holiday is going to look a bit different, but that doesn't mean you can't pretend to be Irish on the 17th of March. You just may have to get a little more creative.

The St. Patrick's Day parade, which has wended its way through Halifax for years, is going online this year. Which means you can watch it from the comfort of your own home, while drinking green beer in your "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" t-shirt. Check out their Facebook page for all the details at https://www.facebook.com/ hfxstpatricksdayparade/.

The pubs, if open, will certainly be limiting their capacity to ensure Covid protocols are in place, which means many people will not find a public venue in which to celebrate this year. Instead, consider inviting your bubble over and have a home based celebration. Pick up a case of your favourite beer, a tube of blue food colouring, some cheap green decorations and you are well on your

Figuring out what to serve at your St. Paddy's Day party should be a no brainer. Corned beef and cabbage is considered a traditional Irish meal, and is so easy to make. There are many different recipes for making a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal, and a quick google search should be all you need to get your mouth watering. Get out your crock pot and get cooking! Don't forget the soda bread, which can be picked up at any grocery store beginning the first of March.



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# **Doulas – supporting** expectant families

by Meg McCallum, Executive Director, Chebucto Family Centre. Pregnancy, birth, and the early weeks following birth are magical times for families but they can also come with great stress. A Doula can help combat that stress and provide many other benefits to expectant and new parents.

A Doula is a trained professional who provides education, information, and support to families before, during, and after birth. Research has shown that engaging a Doula enhances the birth experience, results in shorter labours, reduces the use of pain medication during birth, reduces the rates of forceps delivery and cesarean section, and increases the rates of breastfeeding.

The Chebucto Family Centre's Volunteer Doula Program is available free of charge to eligible families. We have 40 active Doulas from a variety of cultures. Translation services are also provided free of charge.

This program supports 60-100 families each year through a partnership with the IWK and Public Health. Many of these families are experiencing food insecurity, intimate partner violence, unstable housing, poverty or unemployment. Many families are new Canadians who do not yet have a wide support network. We also support incarcerated women.



If you would like to learn how to become a Doula visit www.DONA. org. We are particularly interested in recruiting Doulas from diverse communities. Doulas participate in a rigorous certification process and continuing education programs.

This program is vastly underfunded, and we experience a deficit each year. If you would like to support the Chebucto Family Centre's Volunteer Doula Program visit www.chebuctofamilycentre.ca.

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# The building is closed but church goes on

by Carolyn Mont

At St. Paul's United Church, we have monthly board meetings during which, since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have regularly discussed whether or not we should open the building for in person worship. We have continued to make the decision to hold worship via Zoom. The service is also recorded and then made available on our Facebook page. Even though the building is closed, the life of the church goes on. Currently, Rev. Anne Hoganson is reading aloud from a fascinating book called "Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints". The people featured in these reading are not necessarily people with religious backgrounds but are people whose lives have been instructive. For

instance, one of the readings in Black History month was about Harriet Tubman. The stories are as interesting as the title of the book suggests so please check us out on Facebook.

While the church building is closed for worship, worship is still going on. Groups meet by Zoom, by telephone and by email. For example, the Prayer Circle that normally meets on Sunday mornings before worship now shares prayers by email.

It should also be noted that all through this time, both the Tuesday free lunch program, Soup's On, and the Wednesday Foodbank have continued regularly. Covid protocols, however, are adhered to. These programs are part of St. Paul's United Church community ministry, the Fam-

ily Resources Institute (FRI).

Many of you will remember the dinners we hosted in the past. They were held monthly for some time but recently we have struggled with our very old stove. The new one is in place and running beautifully. We will be cooking our fabulous turkey dinner

with the usual delicious homemade desserts and great service. That service, due to Covid, will of course, be in the form of drive through delivery as we cannot seat people at this time. This take out turkey dinner and dessert is on Saturday, March 27. It will be pre-order only by calling Valerie at 902-423-2441. Curbside pick up begins at 4:00 pm and the cost is \$15.00, tax free and no tips!

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# Spryfield churches join in Good Friday Prayer Walk

by Rev. Michelle Bull
Spryfield churches are planning a new event: a Good Friday Prayer Walk.
Good Friday is the day when Christians around the world remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year we are going to commemorate that event, which is so important to all of us, together in a new way.

"We wanted to bring worship to the street," Pastor Steve Sutherland, of Open Door Community Church, said. "We are planning a movable worship time - a walk of prayer through downtown Spryfield on April 2, Good Friday morning. On the way, we will pray for the various institutions, organisations and people that make up the social fabric of our community."

"We want to express in a tangible and visible way the care and concern of churches for our community," Rev. Pauline Coffin, of Spryfield Christian Community Church, adds.

The theme of caring for the community, while recalling the sacrifice of Jesus, was key in the planning by the Spryfield Ministerial Association, a gathering of the area's Christian ministers. Jesus spent much of his ministry caring for people, healing the sick, including those who were excluded, advocating for the poor and oppressed, and of course this did not make him popular with the rulers of the day, who put him to death. It seems fitting that we should be following his example of caring for our community as we remember

the events of Good Friday.

"We don't live isolated lives; we live in a community where people care about one another," Rev. Helene Burns of the Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge of the United Church emphasized. "Jesus walked to the cross and we will be walking, too, praying for the good health and well-being of our community, represented by the various organizations, businesses, schools, homes and churches we pass along the way."

The plan is to walk along the main street of Spryfield from somewhere around the police station to somewhere past the mall. We will stop along the way at various places and pray for the people and situations they represent. For example, at a health clinic we would pray for those who are sick, and for the doctors, nurses and other medical personnel who work so hard to heal them and keep them safe.

At the police station we might pray for the police who protect us, for those in trouble with the law, for those in jails. At a school we would pray for all the children and teachers, for their safety, and a good school year. At the mall we might pray for all our local businesses, so hard hit by Covid. Or for a living wage for all workers, and safety for our front-line workers. Different clergy and laity will pray at each site.

Father Joseph Thomas, of Stella Maris Roman Catholic parish, said he and his church were pleased with the opportunity to gather with other Chris-



tians in prayer. He quoted Pope Francis as saying that Christian unity is a gift of God, a gift that we ask for in prayer, and so they are committed to praying and working with the other Christian churches in the area.

"This walk will be an important visible sign that local churches have been present and active throughout the pandemic, and that we continue to pray and work together for the wellbeing of the whole community," commented Rev. Anne Hoganson of St. Paul's United.

Pastor Steve explains that this is one more re-invention of an older activity that has been necessitated by Covid. The churches used to join together in a worship service at one of the churches on Good Friday. And this now seems like a natural offshoot. "A simple act of unity can bring a great deal of encouragement," he says.

Rev Helene agrees. "I am looking forward to this opportunity to join together – clergy and lay - in a Good Friday Prayer Walk. Given our current circumstances with the pandemic, a prayer walk appears to be the safest way to worship together on a day that means so much to us all."

The final route is being worked out and of course, all Covid-19 protocols will be followed, with everyone wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing. People are invited to join us for the whole walk or part of it or at some particular prayer station. Everyone is welcome. The details will be published on Facebook and our church websites when they are finalized.

Rev. Michelle Bull is the priest at Emmanuel Anglican Church and the convenor of the Spryfield Ministerial Association.

# Landmark building to change hands

We recently learned that Cemanco Properties Limited have listed its office building located at 339 Herring Cove Road for sale with CB Richard Ellis.

Known locally as the Royal Bank building, it was formerly the home of a Home Hardware franchise.

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It is my pleasure to provide our members and members of the public with this monthly update on the good works being done by the Board of Directors of the Spryfield Business Commission (SBC).

SBC Chairman, Clyde A. Paul, and I were pleased to be invited to meet with our new Councillor, Patty Cuttell. The meeting included a wide range of topics. I would like to report on a couple of the items discussed at the meeting.

With respect to the Rural Bus for the Sambro Loop, the SBC has been working on this initiative for some time now at the request of our former Councillor Steve Adams and MLA Brendan Maguire. They felt the SBC would be the perfect fit for this initiative since it required a non-profit organization to move it forward. Councillor Cuttell has asked that we suspend any further work on the Rural Bus initiative so she can conduct some more Community Consultation to determine if there is sufficient community support for the Bus.

The SBC has been exploring the opportunity of developing a local Small Business Incubator Site to include a number of small offices at

affordable rents, a teaching commercial kitchen, Café, and meeting/small event space, along with

an affordable housing complex to be included in the project. Councillor Cuttell, MLA Maguire and MP Andy Fillmore have all expressed their support for this initiative. We will be making further announcements on this project in the coming months.

The SBC is staying optimistic that we will be able to get back to offering the community our traditional events and activities at some point this year. We are looking forward to putting on Spryfield Days, the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade, and a big Business Expo where all of our members have the opportunity to present their goods and services to the public, along with our member events such as our bi-monthly networking sessions, our AGM, and the annual Festive Dinner. Hopefully, Covid will cooperate and these events and activities will go forward later in the year.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our local businesses!

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# What's happening at the Urban Farm

by Ann Hart

Opening one's experience to the amazing lifeforms that abound in our environment is a gift and an adventure. Discovering and interacting with the many species, elements, and seasons of our time can enhance every aspect of one's life. If growing lettuce and carrots is exciting, imagine the thrill of making a garden for the creatures all around us.

The entire environmental chain is an interactive system. Some species are doing well, others can use a little help from the humans who have populated the Earth. We are all connected. When the bees die out, there can be a crisis in plant pollination. When the monarch butterflies are in peril, magic declines.

Creating a pollinator wildlifefriendly garden space in your yard, neighborhood, local park, or community space is a healthy and satisfying endeavor. Many plants and structures can be added to the natural growth of an area to enhance and protect the creatures that make the interdependent cycles of life stable. We have been building a pollinator habitat at the Urban Farm for many years. With the interest and development of gardens in yards and public lands, birds, deer and other wildlife thrive in our area. We are all are adjusting

to climate changes in weather and growing seasons. With the COVID 19 virus affecting schooling, work, and recreation, human traffic and activities have had to change.

Gardening in a natural style is an inspiring activity. It is easy to learn from each other, books, and the internet, about the many techniques people the world over are using to enhance growing food and establishing spaces for wildlife in populated areas. Children are very responsive to planting, tending and harvesting their food from the ground up. Watching plants grow year to year gives context to the passing of time. Planting a seed and seeing it come up can seem like a miracle. Sharing the bird feeding, flower cultivating, watering and nourishing of nature is a way to let children feel rooted in, and included in, the natural world. There are plans for raised beds for seniors and people in wheel chairs that make access to a garden possible. So many communities are offering growing space to the public now, that it is possible to live in a city and still garden.

Let your yard grow wild with wildflowers and grasses. Create a world of beauty and vitality and share it with all concerned!

The Urban Farm has a program for families with children to learn to grow food together. We have individual and group gardening plots available for a small fee. We have workshops, events, and programs to learn in and to enjoy on the 5 acre hilltop historical farm and woods. We welcome you and are happy to find an activity to enhance your experience in nature. For information about the Come Grow With Us Family gardening program email us or contact Pat at 902-497-3683.

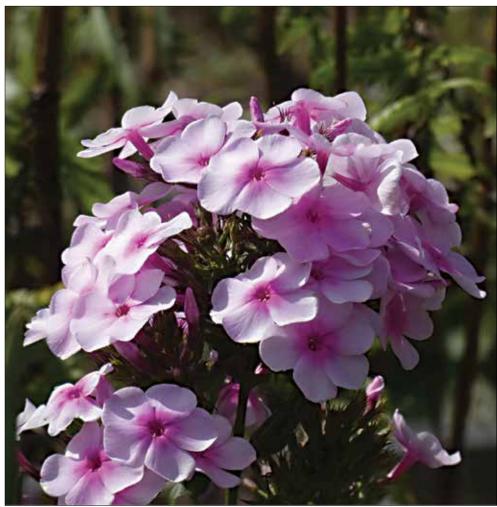
Resources, information and membership forms to the 2021 Urban Farm season can be found on the Urban Farm Spryfield Facebook group page or at urbanfarmspryfield@

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# The Williams Lake Watershed in crisis

Report by Melanie Dobson and Cathy Vaughn

#### **Catamaran Ponds – powerful providers**

What connects the Long Lake Village on Dunbrack Street in Spryfield with the Shaw Wilderness Park on the Purcells Cove Road? The Catamaran Ponds.

Well hidden, in the scrub brush and alders, the two ponds are close to the busy traffic intersection of Dunbrack and Old Sambro Road in Spryfield. The ponds are gaining notoriety as the HRM rezoning application of 48 - 50 Old Sambro Road enters its "Public Engagement" phase.

Spryfield residents and neighbour-hoods surrounding the ponds are being asked to provide HRM with their input about the proposed 13-unit, 3-storey apartment complex to be built on the small lot next to the stream that supplies water to the Catamaran Ponds.

The stream, ponds, and adjacent wetlands will be dramatically impacted by the earth-moving machines, rock-breakers, and potential blasting needed to build the proposed 3-storey apartment building with underground car parking on such a small site. The proposal places the driveway for the 13 units along the border of the property above, and running parallel to, the Catamaran Pond feeder stream in the gully below which would have longterm consequences for the stream.

Citizen action groups have circulated information on the importance of the Catamaran Ponds to the local ecosystem, the threats the development poses; destruction of existing wildlife corridors and negative impacts on the movement

and quality of water provided to the local streams, brooks and lakes.

Long Lake Village is on a hill on Dunbrack Street. Water from rain and melted snow stream off this elevation and fill the ditches along Dunbrack Street. You can see the stream surging downhill toward the Old Sambro Road. A culvert then directs the stream under the busy traffic intersection into the two Catamaran Ponds.

The slow transit of the water through the ponds and wetland gives time for contaminants from road run-off to be cleared while the water and surrounding area provides nourishment and shelter for the wildlife that move through the natural corridors in these wetlands. But the water course doesn't stop there. The pond waters just keep on moving under the Herring Cove Road and into Governor's Brook.

Governor's Brook splashes into Colpitt Lake which in turn delivers water to Williams Lake, both of which are part of the Shaw Wilderness Park. Swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding and recreation can only happen with a fully functioning watershed providing water to top up the rivers, streams and lakes. The Catamaran Ponds are the powerful providers of the headwaters of the William Lake watershed.

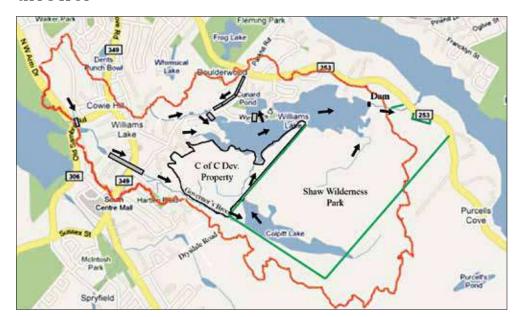
You may not see the connection with the Catamaran Ponds and floating on your favourite lake-lounger at the Shaw Wilderness Park, but it's all connected, and it all needs to be protected. protected. This western part holds several smaller water courses (some seasonal) and wetlands. These feed into the Colpitt Lake-Williams Lake connector stream and into Governor's Brook, an important source of water to Colpitt Lake. Undisrupted water flow from the Church of Christ lands is essential for the health of Governor's Brook, Colpitt Lake and Williams Lake.

**Future** 

An important rezoning application is before HRM. Councillor Shawn Cleary has submitted a motion to rezone the Church of Christ lands to Urban Reserve. This is just a first step in preventing major development in such a sensitive portion of the Williams Lake Watershed. In the long term, these lands need to be rezoned as open space protected area. This will ensure no future development is allowed to directly impact the health of this significant urban lake.

Our generation needs to protect this land for our future generations.

# Which way does the water flow? Follow the arrows.



Water Flow in the Williams Lake Watershed. For more detail see the Williams Lake Water Flow Report, 2020 (www.williamslakecc.org).

The Williams Lake Watershed is surprisingly extensive, reaching from far north along Northwest Arm Drive (now named Dunbrack Street), west and south into Spryfield and beyond the Shaw Wilderness Park on the south and east end of the lake.

Key sources of water are shown with the arrows indicating the direction of water flow. Water courses directed through culverts/underground pipes are indicated with grey rectangles.

Multiple significant housing developments have been built in the Williams Lake Watershed in the past 20 years, many of which have altered natural water courses. Others are proposed. **Red Line:** The boundary of the Williams Lake Watershed, indicates the land where precipitation would normally be fed towards Williams Lake

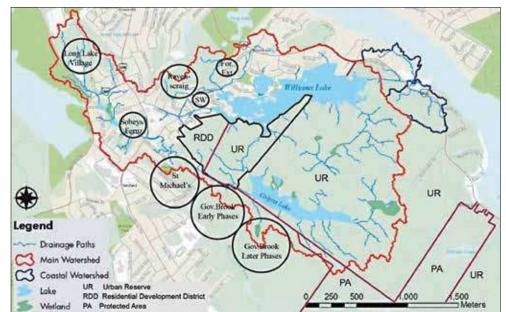
through streams and other water bodies and by percolating through the ground. **Black Lines:** The lands owned by the Church of Christ Development Corporation recently removed from real-estate market.

#### **Green Lines:** Shaw Wilderness Park. **Tipping Point!**

A tipping point has been reached. Any further development would likely push the lake past its capacity to survive as a lake.

The creation of the Shaw Wilderness Park has secured a kilometre of the shoreline on Williams Lake and much of Colpitt Lake, but not the critical water flow between the two. All efforts must be made to ensure there is no further development in the Watershed. We need to act now to protect Williams Lake.

# Past. Present. Future. Impact of developments on the Williams Lake Watershed



Williams Lake Watershed - sites of recent development and zoning of undeveloped land. For more detail see the Williams Lake Water Flow Report, 2020 (www.williamslakecc.org).

#### Past

Multiple significant housing developments have been built in the Williams Lake Watershed in the past 20 years (positions circled on the map), many of which have altered natural water courses. The amount of development has had a severe effect on Williams Lake. A tipping point has been reached. Any further development would likely push the lake past its capacity to survive.

These developments represent a significant loss of permeable surface in the Watershed due to the addition of driveways, roads and parking lots. Instead of rainwater being retained and percolating slowly through the ground, water captured by storm drains moves rapidly through the Watershed. Sedi-

ments do not have time to settle and hydrocarbons do not readily evaporate in closed systems, making the water that is delivered into streams and lakes more highly contaminated - an added threat to water quality.

#### Present

The Church of Christ Development Corporation (C of C) lands (outlined in black on the map) are of particular concern. These lands hold the major stream connecting Colpitt Lake to Williams Lake - a vital supply of water to Williams Lake.

Currently, the eastern portion of the Church of Christ land has an Urban Reserve zoning which limits development for a number of years. However, the western portion is not similarly

#### Williams Lake – less water in, more water out

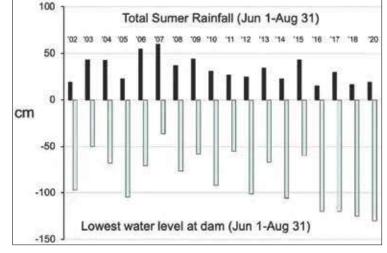
Williams Lake is an urban lake that gives more than it gets. Water levels in the lake have been getting lower over the past 20 years. The Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC), a non-profit volunteer community-based organization, has had a stewardship role with the lake for the past 50+ years, which includes monitoring lake levels

Recent summers have seen

mers have seen
Williams Lake
water levels fall
lower than ever
before. Lake
levels are lower in
summers with less
rain. However, in
recent years levels
have also been
falling significantly lower than
in past.

This summer the lake was down almost 5 ft, a record-breaking low. Compromised watershed, developments encroaching on streams, rerouting of runoff to the lake, and a leaky dam are factors that threaten the lake.

Below: Williams Lake water levels, 2002- 2020. For more detail, see the Williams Lake Water Flow Report, 2020 (www.williamslakecc.org).



## LOCAL OBITUARIES

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#### Laszlo (Leslie) Sándor Mihaly

Age 95, of Halifax passed away on January 2, 2021 at Melville Lodge. He was the only child of the late Nyikos, Jusztina and Mihály, Sándor, from Hungary. He is survived by his caring wife (Giselle), son Steven (Christine Clark), daughter Susan (John Fraser) and grandchildren James, Sarah and Alexander. Lászlo was born on August 9, 1925 and grew up in the town of Hodmezovasarhely in Hungary. His studies in engineering at the Technical University of Budapest were interrupted by WWII. After being released as a prisoner of war he returned to his engineering studies and graduated as a Forestry Engineer from the University of Sopron in 1950. He began working in mining and forestry in Transylvania and eventually worked at the Budapest Geodesic and Mapping Company where he met his future wife, Giselle. In 1956, they fled Hungary during the Hungarian Revolution and married in Vienna on December 20. The couple were able to gain sponsorship to come to Canada as refugees along with the entire student and faculty of the forestry department of Sopron University. They arrived in Halifax at Pier 21 in January of 1957 and boarded a train to Montreal where they settled. Lászlo then worked in resource development in the Yukon and Baie Comeau



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and further gained a Canadian degree through McGill University in Civil Engineering. He was employed as a Municipal Engineer in Point Claire and served as City Engineer for the town of Deux-Montagnes. In 1970 he moved to Halifax to work for McNamara Engineering. In 1971 he accepted a position at the province of Nova Scotia Department of Housing, from which he retired as Chief Engineer in 1991. While spending most of his life in Canada, he always had strong roots to his home country of Hungary and frequently visited. During his retirement, he volunteered for CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization) which provided him opportunities to share the expertise he learned in Canada with the Hungarian government. In Canada, he enjoyed retirement by being outside land surveying and loved to socialize with his friends with whom he would solve our world problems. Lászlo also had a passion for making wine which started in Montreal and extended well into his later years in Halifax. The family would like to thank the health care workers at Melville Lodge for their compassionate care provided over the past five years. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

#### Pearl Linda Corkum

Age 71, Halifax, passed away suddenly at home on January 21, 2021. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Seymour "Zenus" and Florence (Goodall) Harnish. Pearl is survived by daughters Ann (Robert) Bagatin, Diane (Kevin) Gorham; grandchildren, Alyssa and Logan Bagatin; sister, Nancy (Jim) Gilday; brothers, Donnie (Theresa), David (Dorothy), George (Sheila), Randy (Jane) and Danny. She is predeceased by former husband, Alec Corkum; brothers, Jasper, Albert, Raymond and Harry; sisters, Iris, Brenda, Marie, June, Margret and Barbara. Arrangements are under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Due to Covid there will be a private family service and interment. ?In her spare time Pearl enjoyed watching scary movies and doing puzzles with her friends at Sir John S.D Thompson Manor. She loved showing off her grandchildren to all the ladies in both buildings she lived in most of her life. Logan and Alyssa were the apple of her eye, and she shared a special bond with both of them. In her younger years Pearl loved taking walks back the lake behind her parents' property, visiting her siblings family camps in Walton, and enjoying picnics with the Fall family in Halibut Bay. Visiting her mother's house on Florence is where she spent her happiest memories, having most of her siblings living on the same street and near by in Herring Cove, made for some wonderful family get togethers. Pearl had a special love and respect for Queen

Elizabeth and made sure to be at front

row when Pope John Paul II came to visit Halifax and celebrated an outdoor mass on the Central Commons in September 1984. Pearl had a love for country music, listening to Randy Travis and then Bing Crosby during Christmas. She loved putting on old records on her record player and playing a few songs after dinner. During Christmas she made sure to watch "Christmas Daddies" every year while decorating her tree. Pearl shared many memories with David, a longtime friend from her Chisholm Ave building. She also had a loving relationship with step daughter Janice, David and Barbara. She will be sadly missed by her closest family Ann, Diane, and grandchildren Alyssa and Logan. Logan will miss his grandmother letting him takes sips of her tea, and Alyssa will miss organizing her groceries and making her ham sandwiches during their visits. Mom will be missed by many. Always in our hearts. Special thank you to SGT. Justin Sheppard for his kind words of inspiration, staff at Parish of Faulkland St James Church; including Rev Helen, Carol and staff, along with Walkers Funeral Home, including Donald and staff. Thank you to the VON nurses, personal support workers and home care with Red Cross for taking care of mom over the years. Great strength from Brothers and sister, Randy, Georgie, David, Donnie, Danny, and Nancy or helping and supporting the family through the grieving process; making calls to family, giving helpful tips on where to start, and their time spent ensuring burial arrangements run smooth. Special hugs to Clarence for saying a prayer for Mom during Sunday service this week and being a great supporter to Diane and Ann. I would also like to thank family and friends for sending flowers of condolences, along with messages and calls to check in and see how we are doing. We appreciate all your support, and are very lucky to have such a large supportive family. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### Frances Arlene Bannister

Williamswood. It is with heavy heart we announce the passing of Frances (Coyle) Bannister. Born in Charlottetown, PEI on June 1 1936 to the late Charles and Dorothy (Gallagher) Coyle. She is survived by her husband, Bryan "Benny" Bannister; son, Patrick Bannister (Catriona MacInnis-Bannister); grandson, Koa Bannister; sister Geraldine Hayden, Halifax and brother, Charles Coyle, Dartmouth. She was predeceased by daughter, Arlene Bannister; sister Maureen Berakos and brother, Kenneth Coyle. Frances started working as a teen, then joined the RCAF. On her release from the Air Force, she was employed at the Spryfield Medical Center for 15 years, then moved to Sears for 20 plus years. She was involved with Girl Guides for 41 years. The family would like to thank Dr. Hugh Matheson and staff for all their assistance over the years, also the staff of the Renal Dyalysis Unit at the Dickson Center, you all deserve wings. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### Paul Maynard Hayter

Age 86, passed away in Parkstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home, Halifax on January 23, 2021. After many years of valiantly accepting the challenges of Parkinsons Disease he is once again walking tall and strong with the Lord. Paul is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eleanor McSorley Hayter; daughters, Kate (Christopher Smith), Alanna (Robert Morrison); grandchildren, Alexandrea, Ruby and Nathan; sister, Mildred Reid; and many beloved nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Frank James Henry Hayter and Annie Marie (Macree) Hayter; and sisters, Elizabeth Sudsbury and Gloria Horne. Paul adored his daughters and loved passionately his grandchildren. Baptized into the church before his marriage, Paul embraced the church and served on the St. Michaels Men's Club, Parish Council, and as a Lay Minister of the Eucharist. Through his many years in the nursing home he called especially on his wonderful close relationship with his Lord attending Mass every Sunday along with fellow residents in the Chapel at Parkstone. A welder by trade, Paul was an employee of Day and Nite Neon Signs for a period of 20 years both travelling for sign erection and in shop in constructing signs. He loved fly fishing with brothers-in-law and nephews, hiking four plus miles into the woods. Also a very successful deer hunter. Paul supervised a Seniors Bowling League for 20 years and was a member of the "400" club several times over. He was also an avid golfer at River Oaks Golf Club in Meighers Grant, his golf buddy, Garnet, continuing to visit him in nursing home until shortly before Christmas. How could I forget dancing and music.... no one loved his country music better and we seldom sat out a dance no matter what the music! Paul was fortunate enough to be in "The Nursing Home that Cares!". That caring began on the day he entered there of his own free will knowing it was time for more help, right up until the day he peacefully died in a gentle sleep. There are not words to thank all of the care staff on Princess Lane Unit, Dietary Staff, Recreation Staff, the extraordinary cleaners and those in Reception. They are life enhancing to those entrusted to their care. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### **Thomas Edward Whittle**

Age 75, originally from Hr. Breton NL. Passed away at home surrounded by his cherished family after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was the son of the late Thomas and Lena (Farrell) Whittle. Tom's family was his pride and joy and he was theirs. He loved all of his girls and he was so proud of his Newfie roots. He was happy to tell stories of his days spent in Hr. Breton, especially of how he met "his girl". Tom was employed

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(continued from page 11) with HRM for 35 years as a sign maker. He loved to pass the time doing a good crossword puzzle or watching the news. But nothing gave him more joy than being surrounded by "his girls". He was lovingly known to many as "Poppy", not just by his granddaughters. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Claire (Molloy); daughters Helena, Deanie and Judy and special son in law Allan; granddaughters Caitlyn (Alain), Erin (Chris), Courtney, Faith, Ashley (Brad), Chloe and Kelsie; cherished sister Geraldine (Bernie); special nephew John; and several other nieces and nephews. Tom's family would like to give a special thank you to Drs. Wood, Wilkie and Bell. Nurses Devin, Cindy and Donna; and a very special nurse his granddaughter Erin. Also a heartfelt thank you to our family in Newfoundland for their love and support. Donations can be made to the Red Cross. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www. walkerfh.com

#### Gloria Eugenia Hilton

Age 96, Halifax. It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our loving and caring mother, Gloria Jean Hilton, who passed away peacefully on Friday, January 29, 2021 at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born July 26, 1924 in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret (Tochor) Wickie. Mom had followed in her mother's footsteps and completed her degree as dressmaker and designer in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She then worked at an Air Force base in Ottawa near the end of WWII. Mom had originally met dad on the west coast and then travelled east where they married and started their family. Mom continued her dressmaking and had a very large clientele over the years designing and sewing many different articles of clothing. From sketching a picture of a simple blouse to complete bridal parties gowns with original wedding dresses. She took great pride in her work and was admired by many. Mom never had idle hands. After sewing for many years she turned her free time into many sorts of crafts but her passion was with knitting. There were numerous baby outfits and blankets made but that then turned into teddy bears. For the last 10 plus years, mom has knit more than 100 bears a year for "Teddies for Tragedies". It gave her great comfort to know that these bears were able to provide comfort to children facing a traumatic event. Mom loved our many pets and her last cat Monty was her great companion. Her greatest joy came from her family. From the many family get togethers to a Sunday drive and adventure. Her life long wish was for us all to be happy. She will be so very missed by sons, Michael (Karen), Cape Breton; Chris (Helen), Halifax; daughter, Lori (Donnie) MacLeod, Halifax; son-inlaw, Pierre Nantel, Halifax; grandchildren, Marc and Pierrette (Kendall) Nantel, Cody and Jarad Hilton and

John MacLeod. She is also survived by her sister, Valentina Naskar, California and many beloved nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her loving husband of 66 years, Clyde; daughter, Ginny; brother, Joseph, Vancouver; sister, Virginnia, Halifax. Many thanks to Dr Matheson for his continued care and the nurses of 6.2 for their care and compassion. Condolences for Gloria's family can be left by visiting her tribute page at www. walkerfh.com

#### **Deborah Marie MacPhie**

Age 69, Halifax, passed away January 31, 2021 at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, she is the daughter of Beatrice "Sis" (MacLeod) and the late David Hartnett. Debbie was the person who would do anything for anyone. She was always eager to lend a hand and make a new friend. She loved her job as a PCW at Arbourstone Enhanced Care before retiring after 38 years. She had one daughter, but could count dozens of others she met on her life's journey as her children as well, most of whom have a favourite Debbie story to tell. Debbie was the biggest AC/ DC fan, earning the nickname "AC/ DC Mama" from many of those she worked with. She loved her movies and she loved her books, with stacks of both never far away from where she was. Deborah is survived by her partner, Harman Stover, of Sackville; daughter, Peggy MacPhie; brothers, John (Rose) and Robert, all of Halifax and a niece and nephew Debbie's family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the QEII who made her final hours comfortable; friends, David Boyce and Annie Spaargaren; brother-in-law, Joey and sister-in-law, Angela; and the many others who reached out during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, Debbie had wished for donations to be made to Arbourstone Enhanced Care Resident Council. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com

#### Michael Joseph Gale

Age 86, Halifax, formerly of Piccadilly, NL., passed away February 10, 2021 at the Saint Vincent's Nursing Home. Born in Piccadilly, NL, Michael was the son of the late Michael Sr. and Emilie Maude (Jesso) Gale. Mickey was a kind and caring man who loved his family dearly, his family was his pride and joy. He had a strong religious faith; he read the bible in its entity several times and said the rosary daily. He was always there to help anyone and anybody. He excelled at everything he tried from getting his first million-mile crest in 1967 as a long haul truck driver to building a camper, growing a garden and raising chickens. There was nothing he wouldn't try his hand at doing. Mickey is survived by his daughters, Elizabeth (John) Benoit, Theresa Gale (Jamie Hunt), Michelle Gale, son, Brent (Janice); grandchildren, Vanessa Benoit (Justin Byrne), Katrina (Ronald) Martin, Israel Hunt, Katlynn Kennedy (Rob Fielding), Dylan Gale, Morgan Hunt (Joseph Tuglavina),

Luckus Kennedy and John-Michael Kennedy; great grandchildren, Hudson Martin and Ryder Byrne. He was predeceased by his wife, Theresa. Mickey's family would like to give a special thank you to the staff of Saint Vincent's for their wonderful care, especially during the COVID pandemic. You went above and beyond, enabling family to Facetime him when restrictions prevented visitation. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com

#### **Charles George Sage**

Age 79, of Halifax, passed away February 14, 2021 at St. Vincent's Nursing Home. He is survived by his wife, Mary, Halifax; daughter, Krista, Halifax; and grand-children, Kayla Rose, Halifax, and Darcey Lee, Dartmouth; and one great-grand daughter, Nevaya Rose. He was predeceased by his father, Charles Sage Sr., and mother, Florence (Smith) Sage; also sister, Dorthy; and brother, Louis. He was a bus driver for Metro Transit for many years, and enjoyed every minute of it. He also loved to play music, as his Dad did. Charles could always make someone smile, he loved meeting new people. In memory of the deceased, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A heart felt thank you to all the staff of the 5th floor of St. Vincent's Nursing Home, for their wonderful care of my husband. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### In Loving Memory of Michelle Lynn Jollimore

Michelle, age 35, of Wasaga Beach, Ontario passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on January 29th, 2021.

She was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 6th, 1985 to Vincent Sidney and Pamela Anne (Butler) Jollimore.

Michelle was known for the love of her family and friends, she loved and cared for animals and was a nature lover in general. She enjoyed being part of a large family and extended that privilege to a few others. Michelle was grateful to have continued friendships from her childhood. She was a very proud daughter, sister and aunt and shared a special bond with her Auntie. Michelle had a free spirited nature, small but mighty and had a caring heart

Michelle spent her years living across our vast country from Nova Scotia to British Columbia and most recently Ontario.

Michelle is survived by her children, Mikayle and Ocean, both parents, grandfather Vincent D. Jollimore, her brother Jason (Melissa), nephews Cody, Riley and Myles, niece Marissa, also aunts, uncles and many cousins.

Michelle was predeceased by her sister Shauna Jollimore in infancy, grandparents Marie E. Jollimore, Doris J. and Frederick J. Butler.

# **Passion for the community**

Passion for the community drives Atlantic Superstore/Halifax Mobile Market partnership. Colleagues at the Atlantic Superstore on Joseph Howe Drive were treated to a sneak-peak of the new Halifax Mobile Food Market bus that will be officially unveiled in early March.

The Mobile Food Market's new food delivery vehicle will soon be making its first community deliveries in Fairview/ Clayton Park, North Dartmouth and Middle Musquodoboit. The new truck is a full-service, fully functional mobile market and delivery vehicle that will meet the needs of the communities it serves year-round. It will also provide the MFM initiative with increased flexibility, efficiency and capacity in administering its programs and services. The MFM truck is the result of funding provided by Halifax Regional Municipality, the province of Nova Scotia, and a federal Local Food Infrastructure grant.

Atlantic Superstore has been a key partner with the Mobile Food Market since its inception in 2016, and has been an integral part of its success in serving the community.

The Joseph Howe Atlantic Superstore, led by Store Manager Chris Cluett and his store colleagues, has been supporting the program by not only providing fresh produce on a weekly basis, but also integrating Superstore dietitian services, profiling the community, showcasing local growers and sharing their business knowledge and expertise.

Mark Boudreau, Director of Cor-

porate Affairs for Loblaw in Atlantic Canada said, "We care about the communities in which we operate – and so do our over 6,000 colleagues here in Nova Scotia. The Mobile Market is a great example of what we can accomplish when community, government, and business work together. It's been an amazing success, and on behalf of my colleagues, I can tell you it's something that we take great pride in."

Since its inception in 2016, the number of people served by the MFM has increased 7 fold. The COVID-19 pandemic has escalated barriers to accessing healthy, affordable food, and the MFM has stepped up to serve the community in a big way, working with community partners to reach nearly 20,000 households in 2020. Before the pandemic, it was estimated that between 1 in 7 HRM residents were food insecure. Since the pandemic began, 39% of people across Canada have been identified as experiencing food insecurity. This further demonstrates the need for a dedicated vehicle to bring fresh, affordable food into communities with limited access.

For Atlantic Superstore, the partnership represents a continuation of its reputation as a true community champion. Supported by their iconic "sea of orange" community initiatives, the company is currently planning a spring food drive to support Feed Nova Scotia beginning March 18th. Also, this spring, Superstore locations across the Maritimes will be raising funds for the IWK Kids Hospital as part of their Give -a Little, Help-a-Lot campaign.

# **The Armdale Report**

#### by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

I want to begin by extending my congratulations to our new Premier, Iain Rankin. Premier Rankin takes over at a pivotal time for our province, with many challenges to confront from pandemic response and economic recovery, to addressing climate change and strengthening health care. I'm so proud to have been appointed to serve as Nova Scotia's Minister of Immigration and Population Growth, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, and Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie in the new Executive Council. I'm excited to get to work to continue to support the people, businesses, and communities of our province as we recover and take charge of our collective future. Premier Rankin sees the hard work I've put into my files, and I am deeply happy to be able to continue that work.

With a new Cabinet and new Premier, and with a number of my colleagues retiring from public life, I've been looking back recently on the portfolios I've held since 2013. I'm proud of everything I've been able to accomplish alongside my staff and colleagues. In my time as Attorney General and Minister of Justice, I worked on expanding access to justice, expanding voting options for Nova Scotians, and championing and passing grandparents' rights legislation, among other things. In Immigration, we have come remarkably far in eight years: I've led doctor recruitment trips, worked to launch new immigration entry streams, established a first-of-its kind physician immigration stream, helped with our Syrian refugee resettlement, expanded international student retention exponentially, and finally reversed Nova Scotia's longstanding youth outmigration. All this has culminated in a record high population for our province and a clear path to our goal of one million residents. Through my other roles as Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie and Labour and Advanced Education, we've also taken some important steps, re-establishing protected electoral districts, supporting our students and universities through the pandemic, attracting francophone newcomers, and helping connect underserved communities to our workforce. These are all undertakings I've been able to see through because of the support and trust you've placed in me, and that our premiers have as well. Today, I want to express my gratitude and commit myself to continuing that work.

Last month, I volunteered at one of our pop-up rapid testing sites at the Halifax Central Library. I want to thank site leads Rich and Jake for welcoming me and showing me the ropes. Asymptomatic testing is an important part of our pandemic management strategy, and the many volunteers who have stepped up to help really make the process run smoothly. I encourage everyone to keep their eyes on my Facebook page where I regularly post pop-up testing site information, and to get tested when they can. If you would like to volunteer yourself, email volunteers@praxes.ca to be put on the

mailing list.

February also saw another milestone in our ongoing vaccine rollout: our first seniors living in community settings received their COVID-19 vaccines at the IWK Health Centre prototype vaccination clinic. From here, vaccinations will ramp up significantly. For staff and residents of long-term care facilities, the province remains on track to have everyone vaccinated by the end of this month. I'm delighted to see the eagerness and relief that these vaccines are being greeted with and

want to thank everyone who has made this rollout possible.

Recently, I had the opportunity to take a guided walkthrough of the new J. L. Ilsley High School worksite. I'm thrilled to share that the school remains on track for a September 2021 opening, and that the structure is looking impressive already. The finished school will be a beautiful one for students and staff. Amenities will include a flexible performance space, technology education space integrated with the skilled trades centre, including a production lab, media lab, and innovation lab, as well as family studies facilities with a nutrition lab and textile lab. As we get

closer to the fall, I'll be sharing plenty of updates with you.

Finally, I want to encourage the small business owners in our area to save the date (March 22) for my virtual Small Business Connect event. The event will be a session over Zoom/ Teams that will include presentations from representatives from government and service providers on resources that are available to help support and grow your business. If you know a small business owner in our area who would like to join this free, evening session, please have them send me an e-mail.

Thank you again for your continued support.

# The Maguire Report February Update — Welcoming Premier Rankin and Cabinet

#### by the Honourable Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

This is an exciting time of change in our province. On the morning of Tuesday February 24th, the Honourable Iain Rankin was sworn in as the 29th Premier of Nova Scotia along with his newly selected Cabinet. Such change saw me appointed to Nova Scotia's Executive Council as a Minister.

It is one of the privileges of my life to be sworn in as Minister of Municipal Affairs. I am honoured and humbled for the opportunity to represent this community and serve Nova Scotians in Executive Council. I look forward to working with municipalities across the province to achieve mutual goals and help ensure Nova Scotia's municipalities thrive.

I would like to congratulate Premier Rankin and all my colleagues who have been appointed to Cabinet. I cannot wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work at the cabinet table on behalf of Nova Scotians.

For details on Premier Rankin's new cabinet please visit: https://novascotia.ca/news/ release/?id=20210223001

#### **African Heritage Month**

This past month marked African Heritage Month in NS. This year's theme was "Listen. Learn. Share. Act." in recognition of the important legacy of people of African descent. This theme brought continued focus to racialized issues of a community that has overcome great adversity for inclusion.

We have over 50 historic African Nova Scotian communities dating back over 400 years - and over the course of last month, we recognized various stories about prominent figures within, who have all made significant contributions to the development of our province – and our country.

It is critical that we continue to celebrate and recognize the contributions and heritage of our African Nova Scotia Communities as we continue to work towards a more inclusive province for all Nova Scotians.

#### Women's Heart Health Day

On February 13th, I was proud to stand with many amazing women to proclaim February 13th Women's Heart Health Day – a day to wear red

to raise awareness about women's heart health.

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women, and more attention and awareness must be given to this serious health issue.

I'd like to thank Kathryn Pheby Cook for allowing me to be a small part of this awareness campaign.

For more information on this critical initiative, please visit: https://cwhhc.ottawaheart.ca/how-get-involved/wear-red-campaign#:~:text=Proudly%20 hosted%20by%20the%20Canadian%20Women%27s%20Heart%20 Health,the%20management%20 of%20our%20heart%20health%20 and%20wellness

#### **Investment in a Clean Economy**

This past month, Premier Iain Rankin and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Keith Irving announced new measures to help fight climate change and strengthen our economy. \$19 million will be invested into rebates supporting lower-income families in making their homes more comfortable and energy-efficient, as well as rebates for electric vehicles.

This province will also move toward a new renewable energy standard, with 80 percent of Nova Scotia's energy coming from renewable sources by 2030.

I am so happy and proud to see this new focus on climate change and the clean economy in Nova Scotia that will help tackle climate crises and create a sustainable Nova Scotia for future generations to come.

## Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community

As I have become a Minister, I would like to end this report with heartfelt thank you to our community members.

It has been a long road to get here, one that was full of many obstacles. Many of you know I have come from difficult beginnings, multiple foster homes, group homes to being homeless, and many people counted me out.

Along the way, things started to change because of you, this community and the love and faith you all

showed in me.

You put a roof over my head, food in my belly, love in my heart, and you gave me faith.

Having all of you behind me has been the greatest gift.

If I can succeed, anyone can. It really does take a village and my appointment to Executive Council is not just a win for me but a win for the entire community.

This community will always be my first love, and nothing will change my dedication to it. I am so honoured to represent our community at the Cabinet table.

Please contact my office anytime: Email: Brendan@brendanmaguire.ca Office Number: 902 444 0147

As always proud to be your MLA, Hon. Brendan Maguire

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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com. Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MARCH**

#### Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd)
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled

#### Free meals for those in need:

- Salvation Army offers Breakfast To-Go Bags Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup's On, is still operational but as takeout only
- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield

#### **Spryfield Lions Club events:**

Regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at the Lions Rink Den. We are encouraging anyone who might be interested in attending to call ahead so we can ensure COVID health code regulations are met - 902-479-2917. We will also be starting up our bingos in the future but need more time to work out details. We want to thank the community for their support and wish everyone the best of health.

#### City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

- City Church Telephone #: 902-479-248 c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www.citychurchhalifax.ca
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

#### **Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd.) events:**

- Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 10 - 11 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients.
- We are cautiously resuming activities, with Covid protocols in place. Everything is subject to change without notice so please call or email to confirm or check our webpage for updates.

Our website: emmanuelanglicanchurch.net

## Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove

Family Services by phone call or

walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.

- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226
- Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm Friday 9:00am-12:00pm (through March 26)

#### St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road) Events:

With Covid, the church is largely closed but Kristen Hollery, our Community Ministry Director will be on site on Wednesdays, Thursdays and on Friday morning and can assist those who rely on the church for clean drinking water.

• Take-out turkey dinner, Saturday, March 27th, Preorder only by calling Valerie at 902-423-2441. Curbside pickup beginning at 4pm. Cost \$15.

#### **Developmental Pickup Hockey**

Looking for players 40+ years old. Spryfield Lions Rink Fridays 12-1pm. Starts Friday, Oct 16. Skills sessions first week, next 3 weeks pickup. We call it Developmental Pickup Hockev. Skills to increase puck time on your stick and improve your game. Pickup at a bit slower pace.

Let me know if you're interested. 902-497-2068 or ronaldbulmer@ gmail.com

Improve your reading, writing and math skills, work toward the GED in person or from home. The Halifax Community Learning Network is here to help! We offer free adult learning programs in several locations, COVID protocols are in place for your safety. Call 902-422-7648 for more informa-

#### **Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia** Ave.) Events:

tion. Let's get learning together!

- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Free Pancake Breakfast, March 19 at 10 am, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Kids in the Kitchen is a 4 week program that runs through March. Ingredients and recipes are delivered to your door. Call to register 902 479 3031



Check our Facebook page for late arriving events and changes or updates to listed events.

Chebucto News looks forward to returning to a robust community events page when the current crisis ends. In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep you informed.

# Religious Services Directory for March

\*\*To have your church/synagogue/ mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by March 19 for April's issue\*\*

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE SERVICES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED.

CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH.

#### St. Augustine's Anglican Church (2010 Purcell's Cove Rd)

Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Prayer Time: 10:00 am; Sunday Family Service: 10:30 am; Nursery & Children's Ministry 10:30 am; Wednesday Night Prayer: 7:30 PM

#### **Spryfield Christian Community Church** (91 Thornhill Dr)

Church services Sunday 11-12 am

#### **Oromo Gospel Church**

Sunday worship service: 3 pm and

Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Herring Cove Rd.)

We are open for in person worship and also livestream our 10 am services on our Facebook page and webpage.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 am: quiet, contemplative, traditional service of Holy Communion.

10:00 am: Contemporary, lively communion service with choir.

Thursdays in Lent, 10 am, Service of Holy Communion followed by Bible study.

Holy Week Services: On Sunday, March 28, we celebrate Palm Sunday with the liturgy of palms at both

Monday, March 29: Stations of the Cross, time and place TBA

Tuesday, March 30, 7 pm: The Great Litany, a service of prayer.

Wednesday, March 31, 7 pm: Tenebrae, a service of psalms and readings. Maundy Thursday, Apr. 1, 7 pm

holy communion. Good Friday, Apr. 2, 1:30 liturgy Holy Saturday, Apr. 3, 8 pm, the

Great Vigil of Easter. Bible Study, in person at about 11 am each Thursday. This will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page and website.

We are an affirming church. All are welcome to our services. There is no

pre-registration but we will take your name and phone number at the door. Please practice all Covid restrictions, wear a mask and if you are sick please join us online instead of in person.

All services are subject to change if Covid restrictions change. Watch our website for updates.

#### **Open Door Community Church** (11 Aldergrove Drive)

Church services - Sunday 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

We welcome you to come worship with us. Standard Covid-19 protocols in effect, please wear a mask. www. opendoorhalifax.ca

#### St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)

Rev. Anne Hoganson does the church service alone and posts it on our Facebook page. She is available if you wish to speak with her, at 902-237-3318.

We now have a paid Zoom account and members of the congregation will be able to be a bit more involved in the worship service. As had previously happened, the service will be posted on our Facebook page for those who couldn't join the 11:00 am service. If you would like to be part of that service but are not a member

of the congregation, or if you are a member but we don't have your email address, please call the church at 902-477-3937 to be added to our list.

#### Stella Maris Church at St Michael's **Catholic Church**

All welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey! Saturday 4:00 pm and Sundays 10:30 am. Registration required at www.stellamarishalifax. com and all COVID protocols must be followed.

#### **Salvation Army**

(328 Herring Cove Rd) Regular Sunday worship at 11:00am. Preceded by a prayer meeting at 10:30am

#### The Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge (Parish):

St. James United Church: 3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro Parkhill United Church: 5 Kirk Rd,

#### **Jollimore**

In-person Sunday Services at Parkhill United Church at 9:30 am; St. James United Church at 11:15 am. For those unable to attend in person the service will be live-streamed at 11:15 am on St. James Facebook Page. Information 902-868-2791 or https://www. sambrojollimorepc.com

**Emmanuel Anglican Church (322** 













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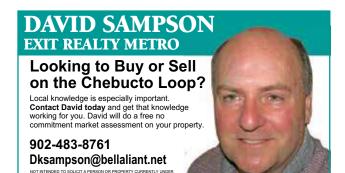
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