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After 50 years Legion a "vital and active" institution in community

It is no small feat to run an organization whose aging members dwindle in numbers each year, but Zone 14 Commander Tom

Waters told members of the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion this month that the "organization is a credit to veterans, the Zone

and Dominion Command."

During presentation of a plaque to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the local Sussex Street Legion Waters told President Betty Neville that the fact that "today's Legion is proud to honour all Veterans through the name change to Earl Francis Memorial in 2002 and that the Legion

can boast 500 members is indicative of the commitment to the community and the memory of Veterans this Legion has developed over the past 50 years."

The plaque presentation by Waters was followed by a letter of encouragement and

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Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion Branch 152 President Betty Neville, left, Walter Francis, soc of Earl Francis, and 14 Zone Commander Royal Canadian Legion Tom Waters cut the official ribbon opening the Legion's Hall of Honour during 50th Anniversary Celebrations this month.

Ten years later – what changes we have seen

By Reg Horner
Editor

Ten years ago this month the Chebucto News published its first edition. And as "Larry The Cable Guy" might be want to say – "who would've thunk it!" Time to give your head a shake. Time to wonder where the years went, and what has transpired over those years.

Adams (Stephen) is still the Councillor for District 18. Mosher (Linda) has held the reigns in District 17 since former Councillor Ron Hanson departed. Alexa McDonough remains the Halifax Atlantic MP and Michele Raymond has followed in the footsteps of former NDP Leader Robert Chisholm as MLA for Halifax Atlantic. But if you think nothing

has changed over that time frame, guess again.

Simply put, Spryfield, and the Eastern Chebucto Peninsula, has emerged. The community is growing. And rapidly. Housing developments throughout the Peninsula are increasing in numbers, none more significantly than in Spryfield proper where the Catamaran project sold out in record fashion, the Fieldstone development is completely built out, Kidston Estates has reportedly only five lots left, Ravenscraig is filling quickly, the Governor's Brook 870 unit project is undergoing ground preparation, the B.C. Silver site is in the final stages of approval for forty more homes.

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250th Anniversary Celebration of Sambro Light proceeding

The Mainland South Heritage Society has announced that cooperation and partnering between government agencies, the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society (NSLPS) and the Heritage group should ensure both a celebration and improvement program in time for the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Sambro Light occurs this year.

Society President Leslie Harnish says a meeting between herself, Barry MacDonald, President, and Kathy Brown of the NSLPS, and Nancy Hurlburt, Commissioner, and Perry Rideout, both of the Canadian Coast Guard, reached a tentative but positive decision to undertake both a celebration of the Anniversary and at least some maintenance of the building itself.

Harnish said agreements were reached with the Coast Guard identified that the Guard will grant permission for people to be on Sambro Island "for some sort of celebration – hopefully including having the light tower open for people to go inside." She said a memorandum of agreement would have to be signed including evidence of liability insurance.

"MSHS doesn't have liability insurance," she said, "but the NSLPS does and we briefly and informally discussed partnering with them so we can be covered under their insurance for an island event. We (the MSHS) could also explore getting our own liability insurance if

need be," she suggested.

Also as part of the understanding, she says the Coast Guard has committed to ensuring the light is painted this summer, hopefully in June and/or July, to bring the building up to snuff for an August event.

"This will be a significant task for the Coast Guard if the last upgrade is any indication," she said believing the costs were approximately \$500,000 the last time around the building received some attention almost ten years ago.

She also suggested the solar project, required to provide the capacity to run a

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Halifax Chebucto Minor Hockey Flexes Muscle

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What is most significant about these development, and the infilling that has begun to transform many of our built neighbourhoods, is that the homes, some valued well over \$300,000 (assessments have reached beyond that mark in Kidston Estates and Ravenscraig), is that people are actually buying them. New residents are coming and they will continue to come for the next ten to fifteen years.

This is no small shift. In 2008 HRM has reported record assessment increases of 16% in the Tantallon area. This area fell into second place at 15% growth. Talk to any local realtor and they'll tell you the local housing market is "hot" indeed.

And commercially what changes have we witnessed. Too many to remember them all but a few, the new Canadian Tire Store, a renewed Real Atlantic Superstore, a new Sobeys, revival of the former Canadian Tire building, a modern state-of-the-art Shoppers Drug Mart,

250th Anniversary Celebration of Sambro Light proceeding

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replacement fog horn, will be completed by the end of March along with the new solar powered light. She said it hasn't been determined if the horn will be used regularly, but it certainly can be used for special occasions such as a celebration event. She said Ms Hurlburt suggested there would likely be "consultation with the users" to determine if the fog horn will be turned on permanently, "so I'm thinking we should get Paddy Gray, Sambro Harbour Master, involved in those discussions," she suggested. Harnish also said there was brief discussion of the Coast Guard putting some sort of commemorative plaque on the island, but nothing specific was committed.

a new Spryfield Animal Hospital, redeveloped Dial-A-Tire store, a new Ultramar and a new Petro Canada service station might be considered the "biggies." And there are a host of other, more subtle, smaller expansions that continue to fill a commercial space component that is so fully occupied some businesses have been forced to begin working from residential properties.

And what of the next ten years. The final completion of the Herring Cove Sewer and water project and treatment facility will ensure continued expansion and growth now that services are available. HRM has come on board in a number of areas including a proposed expansion of the Captain William Spry Community Centre and park area; a proposed Spryfield Visioning and Herring Cove Road Zoning By-Law review scheduled for 2008, new street furniture including benches, waste receptacles and bus stops, designation of the Community as a "District Centre" under the Regional Development Plan and creation of a "Spryfield Business Case"

The "solarization" project leaves the former lens needing a home she said. "The Coast Guard has three of these lenses and will inquire about having one go on display at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, should the museum agree to take it. Harnish said the fog horn is being replaced with the version that will run by solar power so this will need a good home, possibly the Museum of the Atlantic as well. She wondered if this could possibly be erected near the existing monument in Sambro by the Church, along with an interpretive sign. She said the Society also believes William and Mary Gilkie are buried in the old Sambro Cemetery without headstones and perhaps some sort of monument to recognize that would be in order.

in association with the Spryfield and District Business Commission, the Halifax Regional Partnership and United Way.

The rumour mill indicates a planned move this year of the local Nova Scotia Liquor Commission to be adjoined with a walk-in freezer to the Sobeys outlet and new owners for South Centre Mall who were expected to complete the deal this month. The community should recognize that a move of the liquor outlet will cause significant change for the mall and we can all hope that the new owners are benevolent, interested and wanting to take advantage of the city plans to create a "Metro-Link" bus service from this location.

For a publication which was born out of the frustrations of the local business community which wanted "to create a publication that would help improve the image of Spryfield," these are rewarding times.

We would be incorrect to suggest that the Chebucto News had anything but a minor role to play in this change, but we do like to feel that we've helped along the way. The true leaders are the residents and their organizations and the business community, through the local business commission, who have all encouraged the municipality to view this community as an untapped economic resource. With that now done, and HRM's leaders and bureaucrats now fully focused on our community, change will continue. It is our job to embrace it. If we fail to do that we will fail to control the outcomes. This is our collective opportunity to create the community we want. We encourage you all to get on board for the next ten years.

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MRWA continuing efforts after ten years on work on Runs

Ten years ago the initial headline for the first ever Chebucto News read “Spryfield Legion offers reclamation project to community.” It was a headline heralding the local Legion spearheading a clean-up of McIntosh Run with a \$10,000 donation. Since then the work of the McIntosh Run Watershed Association (MRWA) has not only continued but grown.

Anthony Heggelin of the Association says not much has changed over the years but the work continues and the focus is continuing to make positive changes in an effort to bring the “Runs” back to life.

He said the MRWA’s ambitions include work to enhance the livability of the McIntosh Run Watershed area through clean-ups, tree

planting and other activities that involve community members. The ambition here is to build a legacy of stewardship among people who live and work here, he said.

The MRWA also works to restore and sustain the ecological health of McIntosh Run, including the salmon and trout that were native to the Run. The organization also promotes public access and appreciation of the McIntosh Run Watershed through the designation of parks, construction of trails along the Run, and public hikes and education. One of the physical contributions of the organizations is a draft report of trail development which outlines various levels of trail development.

Work is also being done to determine the extent of biological and chemical contamination to the Run, identify sources, and attempt to eliminate these sources at least in part through community monitoring programs. Heggelin says the MRWA now has a base sample of contamination contained within the Runs. As time passes and more information is gained the organization will be better informed about where and how pollutants enter the waterway.

And he said much of the work of the MRWA is beginning to show success. Some successful projects undertaken include the Annual McIntosh Run clean-up in conjunction with J.L. Ilsley High School; a Community Aquatic Monitoring Program involving Spryfield schools in water quality sampling and extensive sampling of water quality by MRWA members whose data were shared with HRM Staff and a sewage cross-connection was repaired as a result.

The organization has undertaken tree

planting, planting about 25 native trees along McIntosh Run across from the Community Centre; made assessments of the Bayers Lake Constructed Wetland during which Andrea Pardoe finished her M.S. Thesis on the influence of a constructed wetland on water quality in the Run last August. She found, says Heggelin, that the wetland did have some positive effects on water quality (e.g., lowered suspended sediment and contaminant levels), but also that it was too small to be effective during large runoff events. She recommended that additional wetland habitat be restored or constructed to provide the additional filtration function that is needed, especially in light of increased development in Bayers Lake and Spryfield.

For tomorrow and beyond Heggelin says

the work of the MRWA wil continue. “We’re working to secure land access for a trail along the McIntosh Run from Long Lake to Herring Cove, managing our water quality monitoring program and data sharing with HRM Staff; doing watershed land use assessments using Geographic Information Systems (GIS); creating a natural history of the McIntosh Run Watershed - online and interactive; conducting our annual river clean-ups and tree planting,” he said outlining plans for tomorrow’s efforts.”

This spring, through a project called Fish Friends being undertaken at William King Elementary School, the MRWA will unleash thousands of new spawning trout into the Run’s at a location yet to be identified. This effort will help restore living fish into the environment and educate youth about the importance of that environment.

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*By Iris V. Shea, Historian
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Hugh McDonald Henry was the son of William Alexander Henry, one of the famous “Fathers of Confederation.” Young Hugh was educated at the Halifax Grammar School, at Dalhousie University, and at Harvard University, receiving his Law Degree in 1873. He practiced law at Halifax with B.A. Weston, Thomas Ritchie, Robert E. Harris and W.A. Henry, a very prestigious group of lawyers. He was appointed to the Queen’s Council in 1881 and as Supreme Court Judge in 1893. The purpose of this club was to preserve and conserve “the native game on their lands, and the fish in the lakes and streams owned or leased by the club.” Another objective was the breeding of native and exotic game and fish by stocking the club’s lands with game and its waters with fish. Bennet’s and Dryhill Lakes were on the club’s land which extended to the western shore of French Lake. In an attempt to establish a population of Ring-Necked

The first caretaker of the Mic Mac Club buildings and grounds was a 28 year old gentleman from England by the name of William H. Jones. He and his wife and two children lived on the premises. By 1911 Daniel Boutillier from Jollimore was caretaker. He and his wife Annie lived there

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with a mustache, smiling and looking slightly to the right. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. The background is dark and out of focus.

last caretakers of the club were Alexander

and Jane (Umlah) Marriott when fire destroyed the clubhouse in 1921. Remnants of the stone foundation of the clubhouse may still be seen, and stonewalls dating back to a time long before the Mic Mac Club may be found in the woods surrounding the fields. Following the 1921 fire, Henry Gibson Bauld transformed the barn on this property into a summer residence. An old apple tree is located near the site of his former cottage. In 1926 the road past Henry Bauld's cottage was extended to Harry's Lake to accommodate another group of sports enthusiasts from Halifax. They built the Rod and Gun Club overlooking Harry's Lake. This private club remained in use until the 1940s. Sam Jollimore of Jollimore built his camp close to Harry's Lake in the 1920s and, following his death in 1934 at the age of 80 years, his heirs, 12 in total, continued to use the camp for fishing and hunting purposes. The camp was known locally as Number 12 or Big Trout Camp and was well used until the 1950s by Sam Jollimore's descendants and their friends. No photograph has been found of the old Mic Mac Club. Included here is a photo of Henry Gibson Bauld, a founding member of the Mic Mac Club and a well-know figure in Harrietsfield during the 1930s and 1940s. Bauld died in 1948 at the age 88 years.

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MacLaggan spent 12 years in school perfecting her craft. She has graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy and is recognized as a Master of Science in Physiotherapy specializing in Parkinson’s Disease after completing studies to determine a Parkinson’s patient’s ability to walk and balance after undertaking Tai Chi.

Her individual commitment to the community has seen MacLaggan spend two years as a member of the Board of Directors, Spryfield and District Business Commission. For the past two years she has performed in the role of Chair, a position she is likely to relinquish to another this spring at the Annual General Meeting.

“There has been lost of change in our community over the years,” she says, hopeful that some of the measures contained in the Herring Cove Road Streetscape Study are unfolded and that the Commission’s “Business case for Spryfield” begins to attract additional commercial development to the area. “There are new residential developments coming up which will help improve the marketability and viability of the community. There are a number of organizations working toward this goal and trying to mesh together the interests of residents and businesses. The people here

deserve credit for doing this work,” she says.

“If we can improve the viability of Spryfield, create more economic development and supply jobs for our residents we can look forward to a stronger and more vibrant community,” she said. “This community is filled with well grounded hard working people who usually say what they think. It is nice to help people through the system of treatments and the Workers’ Compensation Board paperwork. There are always little issues but the people here always appreciate any little thing you can do for them.”

And helping people is what Spryfield Physiotherapy is all about. A division of Scotia Physiotherapy, Spryfield began here 12 years ago. Over time change and improvements in the industry and the business have grown the clinic into a full service outlet for people who need assistance to get back on their feet after an injury.

MacLaggan says the clinic is a “Tier II” Clinic, which means patients can go directly to the clinic without first having to be recommended by their doctor. “This shortens the time frame for people who need pain management and pain coping strategies

which we provide through our Psychologist Kevin Rice,” she said, explaining that Rice also offers clients “changes in life counseling” which is often required when people are suddenly thrown out of work.

The clinic also has Kinesiologist Jan Bullman who works with the J.L.Ilsley rugby team. MacLaggan says kinesiology is the study of “how the body works and physiotherapy is the study of the body gone wrong.”

“Jan’s a great asset for us,” she said. “Jan not only does workplace ergonomic assessment for the clinic but she offers clients and understanding of the relationship between workers and work-place interaction to help prevent the pain of repetitive activities.”

The Spryfield clinic also boats the services of Massage Therapist Sarah West and full time physiotherapist Andrew Tilley. “Over the years we have worked to improve the range of products and services we offer at the clinic,” says MacLaggan. “As the community has grown we have grown right along with it. The future is bright here and we intend to continue managing people’s needs in the best way possible.”



Councillor Linda Mosher and life long resident of Kline Heights Bruce Marriott, who is affectionately known as “The Mayor of Kline Heights,” show off the new community sign erected by HRM.

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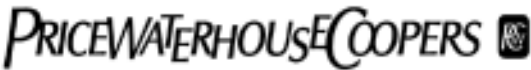
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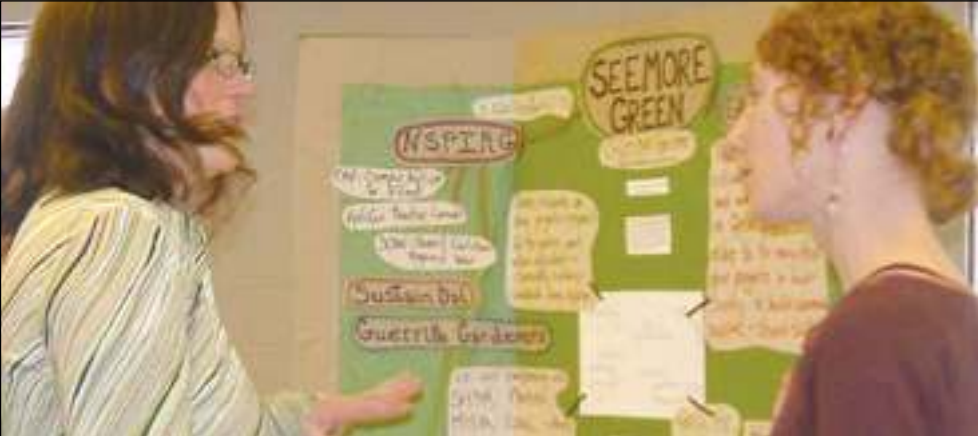
The Chebucto Connections’ “Wise Elders in Our Neighbourhood” project is well underway and Marlene Fitch, hired for the project, has been travelling all over Eastern Chebucto Peninsula, from Armdale to the Pennants, talking to residents about youths and seniors about ways of helping each other.

To hear from more elders and seniors, Chebucto Connections is launching a survey, as part of the Wise Elders project, for people aged 50 and up. Surveys are being distributed by residents in different neighbourhoods throughout Eastern Chebucto, to cover the wide geography of all local communities. Surveys will also be available in churches and various public places, and through Meals on Wheels.

The survey asks questions about seniors’ skills and interests, their current volunteering and helping activities, and the kinds of assistance that seniors might need.

In addition, Wise Elders will be exploring other avenues to find ways that young people might be able to assist seniors.

If you would like to learn more about Wise Elders, or help to distribute the survey in your neighbourhood, please give Chebucto Connections a call at 477-0964, or send an e-mail to ccda.info@ns.sympatico.ca, or visit us in our office at Spryfield Mall. You can also find the survey and information about the project on-line at www.chebuctoconnections.ca.



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Halifax Chebucto Organization flexes hockey muscle

The Halifax Chebucto Minor Hockey Association flexed its hockey muscle this past weekend, bringing home two provincial championship trophies.

The local Atom “B” Club entered the provincial championship at their home area in Spryfield after accepting the hosting challenge offered by Hockey Nova Scotia. But the Atoms showed their full rights to be in the championship when they beat Dartmouth 6-1 in the Championship game to win the event in front of a full house of eager spectators.

And while the Atoms were winning at home scores from the Midget “C” Championship being played in Port Hood were being announced in the local arena. The Midget squad earned the right to enter the championship after polishing off Lunenburg in the round robin.

The local team downed Lunenburg 7-2 in the first of a best of three series before returning to their home rink for a hard fought 4-3 overtime win captured when Andrew Thompson scored with 2:25 left in the second overtime to secure the victory.

“It’s the first time in about 30 years a local team has earned the right to play in the provincial championship,” Coach Eric Caines said before the team left for the Port Hood championship. “Every member of our team and every member of the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association are pulling for our guys to bring home a championship,” he said, suggesting the

last championship came back to Spryfield about 1979.

And the boys did not disappoint. The Atlantic headed into the tournament round robin with a 5-1 win over Mabou when Adam Conrad scored all five Chebucto Goals.

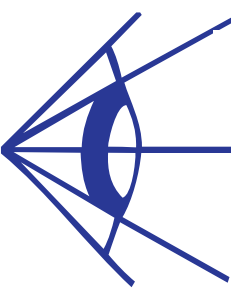
In game two Chebucto dumped host Port Hood 8-5 with Spencer Armsworthy scoring a hat trick and Conrad adding two more to his tournament totals. Game three saw the Atlantics drop a 5-1 contest to Tatamagouche before Conrad scored four more in game four to lead Chebucto to a 6-5 win over Cole Harbour.

In the championship game Sunday against Tatamagouche the Atlantic opened a two goal first period lead on goals by Nick Veith and Alain Couture. Conrad sandwiched a goal between two Tatamagouche tallies in the second frame to end the period 3-2. But Tatamagouche’s Bryan Murray’s goal with 2:56 remaining in the third period sent the game into overtime. Conrad, showing his skills in front of the net one more time, scored the overtime winner at 11:29 of the first overtime to send the championship to Spryfield.

In the championship skills competition Emma Crawley captured the goalie contest for Chebucto while Clayton Crowell took the puck handling event. Adam Conrad and goalie Erik Saulnier were voted to the tournament All-Star Team while Adam Conrad won the MVP, Devin Gray was the top defenseman. Conrad also won the Tournament Top Scorer title.



Members of the Atom “B” Provincial Champions from the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association include Acton Budden, Dylan Beaton, Brett Dempsey, Brett Ewald, Marty Ellis, Alexander Folger-Fort, Emmett Hall-Hoffarth, Benjamine Kelly, Chris Lee, William McDonald, Jacob Morgan, Benjamine Pelham, Colin Rogers, Luke Smeltzer, Bobbi Stropole, Matthew Strum, Coach Steve Lowden and Assistant Coaches Gardiner Budden and Mike Alexander and Manager Tammy Kelly.



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Council sets stage for “high level initiatives” – Mosher

By Linda Mosher
Councillor District 17

Last week Council approved many high level initiatives. The Tax Reform Committee, of which I am a member, brought forward a general package of recommendations tying service levels to taxation instead of perceived wealth (property tax based on market value of home). Council agreed to bring this forward to the public with a series of meetings to be held in May. In my opinion, after we have ensured that there is an adequate understanding of the recommendations, we should have a plebiscite during the next municipal election in October.

This is one the most important issues for Council, as the vast majority of our revenues utilized to provide municipal services such as transportation, policing, fire and recreation, come from the property tax. If we make any changes it will affect literally 100's of 1000's of residents so we better make sure we have the support of the vast majority of residents before any changes are made. Please visit www.lindamosher.ca Under Boards/Committees tab for more information.

Council also approved moving forward

with an expression of interest for downtown development opportunities, partnering with the Trade Centre Limited and Province of Nova Scotia to investigate private sector interest in the construction of building to provide an approximately 200,000 square foot World Trade and Convention Centre (WTCC). Our existing centre is only 50,000 square feet and we are continually turning away conventions which are interested in coming to Halifax as we cannot accommodate them.

Even small towns such as Moncton are in the midst of building larger facilities than Halifax's. The WTCC is an economic generator for Halifax and the Province. We have a reputation for hosting excellent events. However, without updating and increasing our convention capacity, we are at risk of losing our current customers as well as any new convention business.

We also approved moving forward with a five year program that will provide incentives to the Barrington Street Improvement District. The goal is stimulate private investment in heritage building restoration to enhance and revitalize this important part of downtown Halifax.

Also, the high speed ferry project was re-affirmed by Council. Previously Council approved this project twice, pending funding from other levels of government. We based provincial contributions on the added value such as their Waterfront Development Corporation land and hope that these contributions are forthcoming. We appreciate the Government of Canada's \$13 million investment in public transportation for high speed ferries. This funding will not only assist residents of Bedford and adjacent communities, but also much larger areas of the municipality due to reduced traffic on the roads. It will also free up other funding for rural express routes, bus rapid transit and MetroLink.

Utilizing our water courses is a wonderful way to enhance our usage of the world's second largest ice-free harbour. Ferries are reliable and will offer quick commute times and offer great potential to attract passengers who usually commute by car, often as single occupants. The high speed ferry was an important part of HRM's Regional Plan approved by Regional Council, and growth areas were predicated on having this transportation option. Not only does it have environmental benefits such as sustainability and reduction of green house gas emissions, it has quality of life benefits.

Ferries do not put wear and tear on our roads, therefore delaying maintenance costs and requirements for new infrastructure. This would include projects such as a new harbour bridge which was presented by the Bridge Commission to Council. Their study indicated that even with aggressive targets for public

transportation ridership, a third bridge would still be required. However, this analysis did not include high speed ferries and if they are used then the project would definitely be delayed.

In 2006 HRM commissioned a study and a strong business case was made that proved high speed ferries would make a sound financial investment and would be the optimal public transportation choice. Our market studies indicated that within a limited market area, 6 out of 10 trips would choose to use the ferry. We know from experience that buses, even our successful Metrolink, could attract 2 out of 10 trips, at best. There may also be spin off economic benefits to this project as there can be an opportunity to build and maintain the ferries in HRM.

The ferry to Purcell's Cove is not proposed to be a large vessel attracting people from far away. It is designed to service people in this area and the Herring Cove loop area. A ferry would only be accompanied by suitable public transportation such as smaller community buses to service the immediate area. Currently much of this area has no bus service and residents must drive to get to downtown. The design can be made to maximize public transportation transfers and walk up traffic and is not planned to be a huge operation.

Although the federal funding request for a Purcell's Cove to downtown Halifax was approved in 2001, I understand that the Bedford ferry is first based on population and need. However, it is absolutely clear that the benefit extends beyond Bedford. Many residents of our municipality will benefit from this and future ferries and the ripple effect from utilizing this transportation option.

Potential of Loop bus service under review by citizens

By Stephen Adams
Councillor District 18

For the past few months, a small group of concerned residents have been meeting to identify transit opportunities for Harrietsfield through to Sambro. We have looked at a number of options, including but not limited to service to Spryfield, service to downtown Halifax and a shuttle style service from Sambro to Coate's Irving, linking with the Number 14 bus.

After we analyze the options, we will be in a position to make recommendations to measure the interest for transit. Further to this, an amendment was made for the high speed ferry funding for Bedford, and in the future, Purcell's Cove and Woodside. Although this does not directly impact us, there will be a benefit as other monies will be freed up for rural transit.

For residents in the Leiblin, Rockingstone and Kidston Estates areas, blasting has been a regular occurrence. As I reported in last month's column, concerns were expressed regarding the intensity of the blasts. These were addressed by our By-Law staff. However, there were a few more days of blasting necessary to finish the job. If any of these seem out of order, let me know.

There are other signs of development throughout District 18 which will lead to more inconvenience for some. For example, the Armco development near the rink is well underway with clearing, blasting and preparation for the new bridge to be built over McIntosh Run. As the weather becomes a little better, the signs of development will become more evident.

In speaking of the rink, a recommendation will be coming to Council to look at new ice surfaces in HRM. You can be assured that I will present a strong case for Spryfield, based on the following; HRM owns the land, making a long negotiation unnecessary. We

have an existing site with a proven track record of success under the Spryfield Lions Club Management Team. The facility will be in the middle of a developing community with over 900 units planned for the next 10 to 15 years. The existing facility has additional recreational amenities which could allow for a multi-purpose centre. And it is easily accessible for residents in HRM and beyond.

On Friday evening, March 28, I had the honour of attending the opening ceremonies for the Provincial Atom "B" Championships. To say the ceremonies were first class would be an understatement. The NHL All-Star Game would have been envious of the organization and theatrics. Councillor (Linda) Mosher and I represented HRM with representatives from Chebucto Minor Hockey, Nova Scotia Hockey and Chebucto Alumni. The event was hosted by Steve Murphy from CTV news. As always Steve was entertaining and energetic, it is no wonder he is a highly respected news anchor.

There was another ceremony in March, marking the 50th Anniversary of the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion Branch 152. It was indeed a pleasure to attend not only the reception but the dinner as well. Both Mayor Peter Kelly and I enjoyed the talks given by veterans of overseas conflicts and also presented the Legion with a commemorative plaque. The Spryfield Legion makes huge contributions to our community, both financial and in-kind. They make us all very proud.

As the most recent phase of the Herring Cove Water and Sewer project comes to completion, we are still dealing with a few monetary issues and property damage issues with some residents. Our staff is working diligently to held resolve these.

In closing we are gearing up for another exciting year of change and progress. We have many plans for our area, which will make it an even better place for all to enjoy.

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Pace Car program in Fairview aims to slow speeders

By Graham Steele, Halifax Fairview MLA

In the seven years I have been an MLA, the number one concern that people have raised with me is speeding on residential streets. Everyone believes that cars go too fast on their street. But the police can't be on every street, all day, every day, clocking speeds and handing out tickets. Many of you have been wondering "What can I do about it?" Now there is something.

It's called "Neighbourhood Pace Car," and it's coming soon to Fairview. We'll try it for six months there, and if it works, we'll look at expanding it to other parts of the constituency like Fairmount, Armdale, Kline Heights and Cowie Hill.

The idea of Pace Car is simple: Drivers in a community sign "the Pace Car pledge." You pledge to drive with courtesy and safety in mind, including: obeying the posted speed limit; being courteous to pedestrians and cyclists; and stopping at all stop signs and red lights. Every Pace Car becomes a "mobile speed bump," slowing speeding traffic behind them. By signing the pledge, you show your commitment to traffic safety. You are the pace car.

This system was invented in Australia, and has been adopted in other communities throughout the United States and Canada. Pace Car really works. The more people who join, the better. The presence of many Pace Cars effectively calms traffic throughout the neighbourhood.

The target area for Fairview Pace Car is the area bounded by Main Avenue, Dunbrack Street, the Bicentennial Highway, and Joseph

Howe Drive. If you live and/or drive within that neighbourhood, please think about signing up to be a Fairview Pace Car. Signing up is convenient and simple. Pledge forms will be mailed to all Fairview residents during the week of April 7th. You can drop them off at my office, or at any of the four Fairview convenience stores. You can also sign up on-line via my website www.grahamsteele.ca, and click on

the yellow Pace Car icon). Once you sign the pledge you will receive two Pace Car emblems. You can proudly display the official Pace Car emblems on your car. They are static clingers, not stickers. Put them on or take them off whenever you want. You will also receive a Pace Car brochure and answers to "frequently asked questions." And there will always be a resource person just a phone call or e-mail away.

Everyone who signs the pledge will be invited to the Official Launch of Fairview Pace Car on Saturday, April 19th. That's the day Fairview Pace Car starts. That's the day we can all start to "do something" about speeding cars. Fairview Pace Car is made possible by Canada's insurers, through their "Be Smart, Be Safe" initiative; and by the Ecology Action Centre, through its "Active and Safe Routes to School" initiative.

Tourism is an export industry – Raymond

By Michele Raymond
Halifax Atlantic MLA

Spring is coming, and visions of the summer tourist season have sprung in the minds of many Nova Scotians, both as visitors and as visited. Last month I had the chance to travel to the southern end of the province in my role as official Opposition critic for tourism, culture and heritage. Most of my conversations were with tourism operators, and everyone recognizes how deeply we depend on our unique culture and heritage to attract visitors to the province. Unfortunately, it's not enough to sustain an economy all by itself. I've always maintained that tourism is an "export industry," in that visitors come to collect an experience they will take home with them. Nova Scotia has a long history of tourism, with people coming from around the world to see

our sights and briefly share in our particular way of life, taking memories and sometimes souvenirs with them, while putting money into the provincial economy. But there are two essential facts which we need to remember: firstly, that tourism involves travel, and secondly, that the destination must have a distinctive experience to offer; most tourists don't travel to see more of what they have at home. Tourism is measured primarily by numbers of accommodation nights sold in the province. Those numbers have taken a serious dip in recent years, partly because of gas prices, diminished American travel since September 11, 2001, and a strong Canadian dollar pushing up the relative cost of Canadian products. Tourism operators in the southern part of the province have been especially hurt by the increasing difficulty of getting there. The 101 and 103 highways are the two main access routes. The Yarmouth airport hasn't been a true international airport since Customs services were removed in the 1980s, the South Shore and Valley rail lines disappeared around the same time, and the ferries between Yarmouth and Maine are now under threat, cutting trips and rearranging schedules, despite cash infusions from the NS government. Bus tours have largely stopped booking travel on the Portland and Bar Harbour routes, because they need two or three years planning time, and there's no idea when or if the ferries will be running. New US passport regulations will come into effect, but no-one yet knows when. Uncertainty is devastating to the tourism industry. Many tourist accommodations are open only in the summertime, meaning their employees are now seasonal workers. One motel-owner has gone so far as to tear down one-third of the motel, because it's too expensive to keep heating and

paying property taxes on empty units. There is almost no rural transit between southwestern communities, meaning employees need to drive if they don't live within walking distance (just like in parts of Halifax Atlantic); this further drives up the cost of living in the area, making the underlying economy more and more fragile in the absence of the tourist trade. It's especially ironic that Yarmouth and the southwestern part of the province should be losing their transportation links, since the area flourished largely on its transportation advantages, and that history is part of its tourist appeal. Many magnificent houses and public buildings attest to the shipping and shipbuilding fortunes built along our southwestern coast, when it was the first entry point for the Caribbean and Boston trades. Those trading routes were also the forerunners of a tourist trade. It began 150 years ago with fishing and hunting lodges drawing New England sportsmen to the natural bounty in all parts of the province. Gradually, our cooler weather encouraged more citydwellers from Southern climates to spend summer holidays here; today, many tourists come to enjoy the history and the vibrant culture that developed as an integral part of a flourishing economy. Today, however, the southwestern end of the province is in danger of becoming a cul de sac. Vanishing transportation links make it more and more difficult to conduct business of any kind, as services are withdrawn, tourism eventually falls off too. Tourism is an indication of the health of the rural economy. If tourists don't visit, it's either because they can't get to our tourist areas, or because they don't want to. In either case, we all need to be concerned; if tourists don't come to share our way of life and take that experience home, the province loses as a whole.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

MCAVOY, Clyde Joseph - 82, Herring Cove, passed away. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Charles and Stella (Gorman) McAvoy. He was retired from Maritime Tel & Tel after 41 years of service. He is survived by his daughter, Colleen (Cyril) Craig, Herring Cove; sons, Gary (Kathy), Brookside; Ross (Colleen), Herring Cove, Dan (Maureen), Herring Cove; grandchildren, Mike, Nick, Jonathon, Erin, Melissa, Jeffrey, Meghan, and Kristopher McAvoy; great-grandsons, Hayden and Colton McAvoy; brother James (Grace), Halifax; sisters, Marguerite Pelham, Winnipeg; Noreen (George) Wheeler, St. Catherine's, Ontario; Catherine (Gerard) Gallagher, Herring Cove; brothers-in-law, Donald (Gert), Truro, Robert (Pearl), Truro, Bruce (Pat), Winnipeg; sisters-in-law, Mabel McAvoy, Berwick, and Theresa McNeil, Bridgetown, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Miriam "Mim" (McNeil) McAvoy; sister, Marie McAvoy; and brothers, Charles and Frank McAvoy. Arrangements were under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601).

OAKLEY, Granville Joseph - 71, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Born in Halifax, April 10, 1936, he was a son of the late George Henry and Philomena (McPhee) Oakley. He is survived by sons, Stephen (Janice), Halifax;

Barry (Patsy), Ketch Harbour; and Paul (Carolyn), Coldbrook. He was the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters, Leona Kelly, Cecelia Burns, Genora McGregor and Ida Kline; brothers, Edwin and Ken. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean Boutilier; brothers, Pius, Richard, David and Stanley. The family would also like to thank his homecare worker, Kathy of Windsor, for the unending care and love she has given our Dad. Special thanks also, for the exemplary care and compassion from the nurses and doctors in 5A, Gyne/Radiation Oncology and Palliative Care Unit, Centennial Building. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., Spryfield (477-5601).

PELHAM, Alice Gertrude - 93, Herring Cove, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family in St. Vincent's Nursing Home in Halifax. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Robert and Alice (Doyle) Vaughan. Alice was known and loved by all for her gentle and kind spirit. She was a long-time member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, in her community of Herring Cove where she resided for the past 70 years. She was an avid bridge player, enjoying the company of her many friends at community card socials, and throughout the years she continued to enjoy a lifelong passion for gardening. Alice will

be fondly remembered by all those who had the privilege of knowing her. She is survived by her son, John Ross, Herring Cove; sister, Roberta Murphy, and brother, Sydney, both of Halifax; along with several nieces and nephews. Alice was predeceased by her husband of 32 years, Henry; sisters, Angela and Margaret; brother, Vincent. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., Halifax, (477-5601). Spring interment will be in St. Paul's Cemetery, Herring Cove.

GOREHAM, Lee - 58, Halifax, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Shelburne, Lee was a son of the late Burnley and Hazel (Brown) Goreham. He worked at the Victoria General Hospital for 26 years. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Donna (Surette) Goreham; son, Scott (Trina Ramey), Williams Lake Road; daughters, Sherry Ross, Halifax; Tasha Murphy, Sackville; brothers, Phillip (Marie), Saint John, N.B.; Ronald (Marg), Lower Sackville; Norman (Diane), Cape Sable Island; sister, Darlene (John) Ross, Cape Sable Island; grandson, Christopher Goreham. He was predeceased by his brothers, Gary, Bobby, Allan; sister, Linda. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in Doctors Cove Cemetery.

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We're Planning a Celebration

There will be a Community Meeting, Thursday, April 3, at 7 pm, in St. James United Church, Sambro, and your input is needed on Planning a Celebration to Honour the 250th Anniversary of the Sambro Island

Lighthouse. Should we hold a Jamboree similar to those held in Sambro in the past? Dory races? A festival? A Washer Toss Tournament? A Parade? A Picnic on the Island? Your suggestions and help are needed. For more information, contact Leslie Harnish, 868-2553



Students at Springvale Elementary School spent a day participating in a "Healthy Lifestyles Fair." Here, Community School Liaison Officer Matt MacGillivray instructs kids on the proper use of bicycle helmets.

Tea and Bake Sale

Calvary Baptist Church will hold a tea, ticket auction and bake sale at the church beginning at 11:30 am April 19 with bidding starting at 1 pm. The menu includes corn chowder, biscuits, tea, coffee, juices and cookies.

Next at TAG

Lord Arthur Savile's Crime, a Comedy Directed by Phil Reid and Produced by Cathy MacAuley, will be performed at the Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road in Halifax, April 24th to May 10th, Matinee Sunday May 4th. Tickets \$15 (\$12 for members, seniors and students). Box Office 477-2663 or reserve on line at www.tagtheatre.com.

One Woman Show

Calvary Baptist Church will host Judy Savoy's "One Woman Show" – Get Me Back To The Garden I'm Chokin On The Weeds – Sunday April 20 at 6:30 pm. There will be a "free will" offering. Refreshments to follow.

Farm Society Meets

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold it's monthly meeting on Monday, April 14th 7 PM-at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Everyone Welcome! If you would like to become a member or would like information about our Urban Farm, please call Pat at 477-6087 e mail jamac@ns.sympatico.ca.

Halibut Supper

St. James United Church, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) will be having a Halibut Supper on Saturday, April 5th from 4 to 6 pm. Adult portion \$10; Child portion \$5. Everyone Welcome.

Honouring Caregivers

Each year, Caregivers Nova Scotia hosts the Annual Caregiver Luncheon to honor caregivers for the valued contributions they are making to their families and to our society. Caregivers Nova Scotia invites nominations for caregivers to be honored at the Halifax Luncheon on Friday, May 9 at Pier 21. These caregivers are given special recognition for their inspirational roles as caregivers and for their willingness to share their caregiving stories. If you would like to put forward the name of a special caregiver you may obtain a nomination form by phoning 421-7390 or toll free 1-877-488-7390.

Spring Fair in Sambro

Sambro School PTA Annual Spring Fair will be held Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope you can join us for some great fun!

Women's Workshop

A Women's Wellness Workshop will be held on Sunday, May 4th at the Harrietsfield Williamssood Community Center from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Professional

Organizer - Sherry Flemming, Massage Therapist - Bobbi-Jo Ferguson-Hill and Nutritionist - Heather Hill, will be on site to give informative presentations and host question and answer discussions Contact Organizing by Design to register or for more information call 405-1558 - email sherryflemming@organizingbydesign.com or check out our website at www.OrganizingbyDesign.com.

Annual General Meeting

The regular Annual General Meeting of the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre will be held April 9 at the Centre beginning at 7 pm. The meeting will discuss matters of concern, an update from the past board and the election of officers for the incoming board. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. All residents from Harrietsfield, Sambro, Williamswood and Ketch Harbour are invited.

Dinner Theatre

The Sambro Dinner Theatre will be presenting the production "Seacruise II, Terence Bay or Bust!" at St. James United Church, Sambro, May 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10. Lobster or Roast Beef Dinner \$30.00. Tickets go on sale March 10. For tickets call Eva Mae 868-2660 or Donna 475-1053.

Lunch Monitors

William King Elementary School is in need of Lunch Monitors to help with lunchtime chores Monday to Friday from noon to 1 pm. A child abuse and criminal records check will be required. For information call the school at 479-4200.

Dinner Theatre

"Setting Sail Again", written and directed by Carol MacDonnell, a dinner theatre, will be performed at Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, April 18, 19, 25, & 26 Tickets \$25.00; (Wine \$4.00). Doors open at 6:15. For tickets and information call Alecta 477-7870

Family Health Drop-in

Public Health Services - Healthy Beginnings Program will hold a family health drop-in at the Captain William Spry Library in Spryfield the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. It will be facilitated by a Public Health Nurse. A range of services will be offered including breastfeeding support, parenting education, health and community information for parents, babies and children up to 5 years of age. For more information call 481-5800. Tell a neighbor and bring a friend!

Recycle for Funds

Sambro Ketch-Harbour Elementary School's Grade 6 class has initiated a recycling fundraiser to raise money for their school trip. An account has been set up for the School at the Beaver Enviro-Depot in Spryfield. Anyone wishing to donate money from their recyclables towards their trip would be greatly appreciated.

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A Certification of Appreciation was given to Janet Chambers, Treasurer, for her outstanding achievement as Treasurer of the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre Board. Janet has spent numerous hours overseeing all Board expenditures and Budget Operations since July 2007. In the photo are Michele Raymond, MLA, Janet Chambers, Treasurer, and Larry Sinclair, Board Chair.

After 50 years Legion a “vital and active” institution in community

congratulations by Dominion Command, a presentation in recognition of the anniversary by Councillor Stephen Adams on behalf of Halifax Regional Municipality and the offering of a commemorative plaque by MLA Michele Raymond.

With member and Veteran Buster Brown acting as Master of Ceremonies the Friday night reception for members and special guests was highlighted with the official opening of the “Hall of Fame,” a hallway in the Legion dedicated on one side to the history of the organization and on the other to the efforts of Veterans involved in both World Wars, the Korean Conflict and service in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

The following evening the Legion offered its members and guests a full service dinner and dance complete with a head table including Mayor Peter Kelly, Councillor Adams, Provincial Command Treasurer Jack Hatcher and his wife Corneilius; Zone Chairman Tom Waters, President Betty Neville and Reverend Diane Fry, who gave grace, and her husband Michael.

Members who attended the event were presented with commemorative ribbons and lapel pins as well as appropriately decorated commemorative 50th Anniversary Campaign flutes, beer mugs and pens. “I thought everything went very well,” an enthusiastic Betty Neville said following the event which took a special committee months of planning and organization.

During the evening celebration, Legion Member and Veteran Stephen Field presented the history of the Branch to attendees. The Branch, number 152, received its Charter

from Dominion Command on March 20th, 1958, after 14 Charter members applied. For the first three years the Legion operated out of a building on Catamaran Road where the Ladies Auxiliary received its Charter with six members on February 16, 1959.

In 1961 the Legion moved to a new building at Leiblin Drive in Spryfield where it remained for five years before moving to the existing space at 7 Sussex Street. The Sussex Street building has receive several upgrades and additions and “construction of this hall (the Legion Dining and Dance area), which doubled the size of the building, was officially opened by Comrade President Betty Neville on October 10, 1986,” said Field.

He suggested the Branch is mortgage free, having burned mortgages in both 1987 and 1997. He said the application to rename the Branch “to honour the veterans of the Second World War battle for Hong Kong was approved by both Nova Scotia/Nunanut Command and Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion on October 27, 2002. “At that time a new Charter was issued by Dominion Command renaming the Branch the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Branch,” he said, identifying that members of the Branch had voted unanimously to honour its deceased Comrade Earl Foch Francis, a veteran and POW of the battle of Hong Kong,” the history states.

Field said on June 21, 2003, then President Comrade Terry Bobbitt President over the official Branch renaming ceremony which included a number of surviving Hong Kong POWs from across Canada. A Portrait of Comrade Earl Francis and his military medals,

along with Branch Charters both old and new, are on display at the Branch.

“At present,” said Field, “the Branch has a membership of about 500 and has become a

vital and active institution in the community of Spryfield. The Branch continues to serve Veterans and their families and also the seniors and youth of Spryfield.”



District 18 Councillor Stephen Adams presents Legion President Betty Neville with a plaque commemorating the Legion's 50th Anniversary.



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