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Governor's Brook development amendments approved by Council

Chebucto Community Council this month approved changes in the development agreement approved in 2003 for the Governor's

Brook housing project proposed by Kimberley Lloyd Development following a peaceful public hearing.



Workers contracted by HRM were busy this month setting the new bridge across McIntosh Run at the end of River Road. It will be a welcome addition for many who travel the pathways to reach their destination.

The changes removed a 48 unit apartment building proposed for location atop a steep hill above Colpitt Lake, redistributed the 48 units to other sections of the approximate 150 acre development, and introduced an additional 32 single or semi-detached housing units bringing the total number of units in the project to 902 from the original 807 proposed.

HRM Western Region Planner Brian White told Council the redistribution will be accommodated within the existing boundaries of the development plan. "While the redistribution will increase the proposed density to 18.59 persons per acre from 17.67, the density is still well below the maximum density of 22 persons per acre," he said, suggesting the additional units will be accommodated by making some of the existing lots slightly smaller throughout the project.

More importantly, he said the proposed

changes are a result of a negotiated settlement between the developer and the Williams Lake Conservation Company. The Company spearheaded an aggressive attack to stop the development through the winter of 2003 which culminated with a public hearing in which about 400 residents showed up at Halifax West High School to protest the project.

Following Council's approval in 2003, the Company challenged the project at the Utilities and Review Board and subsequently prepared to file a law suit against the project. But following the final approvals the development and members of the Society opened negotiations to both quell the law suit and restructure the proposal to better suit the needs of the community's residents.

Company Vice-President Melanie Dobson

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Sambro residents enduring new pavement project

Drivers in the Sambro area will soon be travelling on new pavement after spending most of the summer enduring a road-paving contract awarded by the province.

The Department of Transportation and Public Works has awarded a \$1,059,525 contract to Dexter Construction to repave Route 306 from the intersection of Acres Road south-east for 4.5 kilometres to the intersection of Route 349.

"Work has already started on this project," said Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works of the work which began in July. "I encourage area drivers

to be patient during construction and drive with extra caution," he said recognizing that making improvements to roadways indeed causes temporary inconvenience for local residents in the area.

For most residents of communities from Halibut Cove through to Sambro and the Pennants getting used to traffic hold-ups is not something new. The residents have been dealing with traffic delays caused by the installation of water and sewer services for the Herring Cove area which began last fall. Most of this work is expected to be completed by Christmas this year.

Local Canadian Tire store turning the tide of customer indifference

There's a refreshing new breeze blowing through Spryfield's Canadian Tire Corporation outlet these days, and it's being pushed by new franchise owners Mario and Carol Coccimiglio.

"It's all about how you want to position yourself. It's about image management and presenting the store that you want people to see when they arrive and remember when they leave," says Mario.

From an historical perspective, the Canadian Tire Corporation updated its former Herring Cove Road outlet when it moved and redefined a portion of the former Zellers location at South Centre Mall. Since the move five years ago the store has had three "new to the community" franchise operators who have all made an impact at the store.

But as Mario puts it, "successive managers have one by one looked at the community as a low end social economic environment. They were decidedly concerned about the preva-

lence of shoplifting and managing the store in a regime based on being a tight and frugal operation as a way to cut costs and losses."

"One by one," he says, "managers closed and locked more and more cabinets to prevent theft, kept stock supplies to a minimum and provided less of the corporation's higher end products than some other stores. But when I looked at the marketplace for this store and the demographics of the community, I saw what the corporation would consider an almost ideal demographic. There are people here who are car enthusiasts, homeowners who care for their property and cottage dwellers all around us. For Canadian Tire it's an ideal mix for our automobile department, our homeowner products and sporting departments."

And for Mario, the changes he is making are working. He's slowly beginning to unlock

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Local Canadian Tire store turning the tide of customer indifference

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the storage cabinets, a change giving his customers more comfort and more opportunity to touch and feel the products they want to buy. The problem with locking shelves he says, is that the company manages its products by categories. "So while you might want to lock up a hand-held \$500 GPS unit, it also means you have to lock up a two dollar and ninety-nine cent role of rabbit snare wire. And because the rules are the rules if we unlock the cabinet to

provide the wire we have to walk the customer to the checkout with it. That's a lot to put a customer through for a \$3 item, and they remember," he said.

He's also adding product quantity to the store to give his customers a better opportunity to get what they need. And he's increase the quality of products available at Canadian Tire and providing a wider variety of products for his customers.

He's also reviewed his staffing compo-

nents, moved some people into positions that suit their interests and knowledge better and generally creating a happier work place for his people. "Staff who are happy to come to work everyday because they are working in environments that suit them and therefore are more likely to enjoy their interactions with customers and that leaves customers in a more positive frame of mind when they leave the store.

"This is all really a big experiment for us

at this point. It will take us six months to determine if it is going to work for us but so far the results are positive," he said, suggesting the store is growing in terms of both consumer traffic and average dollars spent per visit, good signs the outlet is turning the economic curve.

Each of Metro's Canadian Tire Stores operate just a little differently he says, but with Mario at the helm the Spryfield Canadian Tire Store is starting to turn the tide of shoppers who would venture elsewhere.

Development amendments approved

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told Council this month that the proposal is a negotiated settlement between the Society and the developer. "The WLCC is in favour of this change," she said. "We see it as an improvement of the original proposal. It will reduce some of our concerns about blasting and possible changes to the water flow in the lake," she said.

"This does mean we are welcoming the development," she explained to Council. "We still maintain that this is an environmentally sensitive site sitting between two water courses including the McIntosh Run and Colpitt Lake."

But the Company Vice-President said the organization is hoping for further negotiations

with the developer as the project continues through its phases to see if there are other improvements which can be put in place as it unfolds.

Company member Patricia Manuel rose to thank Kimberley Lloyd "for working with us to solve this particular question. It's not often we get up to thank developers for working with us."

Robert MacPherson, a Kimberley Lloyd Vice-President, said the company is pleased to be able to support this change and bring it forward. "We are committed to further discussions and to make further amendments if there are benefits to doing that," he said. Council approved the amendments after they were moved by Councillor Stephen Adams.



For the past eight years Judy Rhyno has celebrated the passing of her son Keith Edward by presenting a plaque to a student at Rockingstone Heights Elementary School who has shown improvement in attitude, effort, behaviour and life in general. This year Judy, right presented the plaque to Grade 7 student Romanda Downey and her mother Lola Downey.



The Spryfield Lions Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary of the club Charter. The event, which included a steak and seafood dinner, also included cake provided by the Lioness Club. Here NDP MP Alexa McDonough serves cake to former PC Premier John Buchanan.



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Time to get ready for hockey season at Chebucto Minor Hockey

By Don Crawley and Patricia Manuel

Even while enjoying summer vacations, winter never really stops for volunteers with the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association. Right now they are busy planning the upcoming season and that season starts with registration being held Tuesday August 28 and Thursday September 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Spryfield Lions Rink.

Chebucto Minor Hockey Association offers learn-to-play, recreation and competitive programs for players 5 to 19 years of age. "Chebucto has lots of room for anyone wishing to help out," says Patricia Manuel, encouraging folks to sign up, learn about the

great programs and volunteer. "And, if anyone has a knack for attracting money, then be sure to speak with the organization," she suggests.

Chebucto Minor Hockey needs a volunteer Fundraising Director. This very important person is crucial to helping us keep our programs affordable. The position was left vacant at the Annual General Meeting held in May. In past years, major fundraising events have helped to subsidize registration fees and the costs of extra development programs. The fees have traditionally been the lowest in the metro region. "Without someone to take the lead on raising money the cost of playing hockey will have to go up," says Manuel. "Raising fees is

not a happy prospect; we want to remain the most affordable association in town. So, if you can help please visit our website www.chebuctominorhockey.com and then call," she encouraged.

So, what do participants get for their money? The season runs from October to the end of March – six months of excellent development programs, the wonderful camaraderie of this fantastic team sport and plenty of excitement through the recreation house and recreation interlocking (Metro Minor) leagues, the competitive (Central Minor) leagues and our female competitive (South Conference) leagues.

"We emphasize development in all of our programs," says Manuel. "With our younger players, we use the National Skills Standards and Testing Programme developed by Hockey Canada. We run special skills sessions throughout the season for skating, stick handling and puck control, and play strategies. We run a full development program during our highly successful Hockey Development Weekend in early November. We have a new Coach Development Programme for our coaches, both new and experienced.

Any Chebucto coach can work with an elite level coach to develop and deliver a quality programme to his or her team." And the organization also helps develop parents she says. "This season, Chebucto Minor Hockey will run the Hockey Canada pilot programme, called the "Parent Orientation Programme," or PoP, which introduces parents to the "Learn-to-play program," known as the Initiation Programme. This highly successful program introduces the fundamental skills of hockey to beginner players, typically ages 5 to 6 or 7. Parents learn about the importance of these fundamental skills and how crucial they are to enjoying the game as the young player develops."

"For a small association we make our mark," says Manuel. "We continue to develop players who can play at virtually every level of elite hockey. The past season saw some current and former CMHA players participate in the

highest levels of amateur sport in Canada, including the Memorial Cup and the ESSO Women's National Championships. Locally, we have players playing at both the Major Midget and Major Junior levels. We also have players playing in the University and Prep School systems in both Canada and the United States."

And the girls out there can register for the female programme this season. There is a new league for female hockey in Nova Scotia called the South Conference Female Hockey League. Chebucto plans to build on its success of last season where the PeeWee female team, the first in three years, won the Central Minor Hockey Federation Tier II Championship. This high caliber competitive league will be a real alternative to "boys" hockey. Chebucto hopes to offer both PeeWee and Bantam female teams this year.

To keep up on what's happening, check out the website at www.chebuctominorhockey.com. Enjoy a safe summer, and see you at the rink!

Hip Hip Hooray

Local resident and Spryfield Lions Club member Don Stropole would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who so generously donated to the cause as he walked for the Canadian Orthopedic Foundation. He raised \$1,135. "Thank-you very much for your kindness," Stropole told the Chebucto News.

Correction

In the July edition of The Chebucto News, incorrect information appeared in the E.M. Power Law advertisement. New Associate Denise Zareski, B.A., LL.B, legal interests include Family Law, Civil Litigation and Small Claims Court.

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Halifax County Council holds first meeting January 13, 1880

By Iris Shea, *Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society*

On Tuesday, January 13, 1880 the first meeting of Halifax County Council was held in the County Courthouse. An election in November 1879 determined who would represent each district as Councillor.

According to the 1880 Minutes of Council, the morning and afternoon sessions ran from Tuesday to Saturday the first week, and from Tuesday to Thursday of the second week. In those early years it was customary to hold only two meetings a year (the Annual Meeting in January and the Semi-Annual Meeting in April) but occasionally an emergency meeting would be added before the annual election in November. Councillors were elected for one year, but often served several years without being challenged. John Hayes of Herring Cove represented District Number 7 for 15 consecutive years. When Councillor George Umlah of Greenhead, representing Spryfield District, died in 1883 during his third term in office, William Dart was elected to replace him.

Unlike today where we have two districts and two councillors representing the communities from Armdale to Pennant, in 1880 there were five districts. In addition to our five local districts, Halifax County Council was made up of another 31 districts, bringing the total to 36 councillors from whom a warden was chosen. The first warden was Col. John W. Laurie, councillor from District 18, Waverly. Councillors elected from our local communities that year were John Hayes, Herring Cove District; Number 7; Richard E. Monk, Portuguese Cove

District; Number 8; Martin Hennebery, Sambro District; Number 9; George Umlah, Spryfield District; Number 13; and H.F. Worrall, North West Arm District, Number 14. The boundaries of our five districts were:

District Number 7, Herring Cove: included Queen's Quarry, Purcell's Cove, Ferguson's Cove, Herring Cove, and part of Spryfield

(from Roche's Pond south to Long Pond):

District Number 8, Portuguese Cove: took in Halibut Bay, Bear Cove, Portuguese Cove and Ketch Harbour:

District Number 9, Sambro, included Bald Rock, Sambro Head, Sambro, Sambro Creek, Coot Cove, East Pennant, West Pennant, and Long Cove:

District Number 13, Spryfield: served only the western part of Spryfield and extended to the communities of Harrietsfield, Brookside, Goodwood, Greenhead and Beech Hill. It also included the back road to Terence Bay Road (at the end of Brookside Road):

District Number 14, North West Arm: served another section of Spryfield (from Cowie Hill to Long

Lake Dam), St. Margaret's Bay Road to Chain Lakes, a small section of Dutch Village Road, and from the head of the Northwest Arm to Lawson's Mill (now Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron).

Councillors received \$2 per day when attending sessions, but if absent without notice, they were fined \$2 for that day. In addition to the councillors, there were various District Officers appointed. (See insert). Note the office of Hogreeve (I needed to consult a dictionary for its meaning). "Hog reeve, a civic official in charge of impounding runaway hogs." The Presiding Officers appointed in 1880 were Francis

McGuire, Esq., Justice of the Peace, District Number 8; James Tough, District Number Nine; Archibald Kidston, District Number 13 and George Piers, District Number 14.

During that first meeting, several By-Laws were established. One By-Law was for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and only those people approved by Council would receive such a license after payment of an annual fee of \$30. In 1884, the Council Minutes noted the names of those who received a license to sell liquor.

Only John Martin of Sambro applied from this area, but he was refused. Pedlars required a license that cost between \$2 and \$5 a year, but were not permitted to sell intoxicating liquors.

The Minutes of Halifax County Council are among the records, now available to the public, at the recently opened Halifax Regional Municipality Archives in Burnside. Their archival holdings, constantly being updated, are listed on their website, <http://www.halifax.ca/archives/index.html>.

Local Librarian retires after 25 years

Well known Captain William Spry Library staff member, Cindy Sampson Fleet, is retiring after 25 years of service.

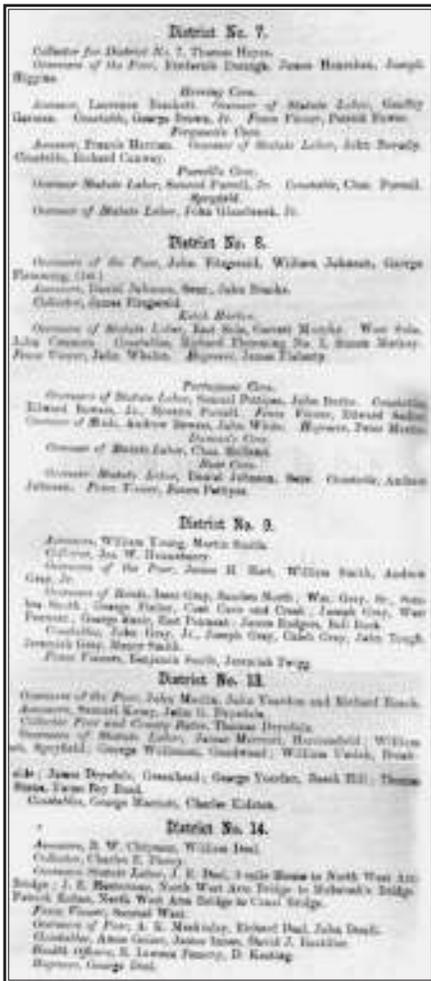
Twenty-five years ago in 1982, Cindy's first job was as a children's programmer and puppeteer when the library was located at 225 Herring Cove Road, the site of what was a former liquor store. Over the years Cindy has worn many hats, including Branch Supervisor and then Children's and Youth Librarian in 2000.

Cindy is well known in the community and a familiar face to teachers and students as well as library borrowers. Cindy will be missed by many members of the community who will all wish her well in her retirement.

The Library is inviting well wishers to drop by and wish Cindy well as she enters a new and exciting phase in her life. Her last day at Captain William Spry Library will be Saturday August 25.



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MLA calls on province for action on Chebucto Head Road

Halifax Atlantic New Democrat MLA Michele Raymond has written to Premier Rodney MacDonald asking him to initiate dia-

logue with federal and municipal officials to ensure the safety of residents and visitors using Chebucto Head Road.

"The Chebucto Head Road, which leads to the Chebucto Head Lighthouse, is a very popular destination for tourists and local residents alike. Since all levels of government deny responsibility for the road, it poses a growing threat to all users," says Raymond. "This month brought the Tall Ships and the Marblehead Race into Halifax, and Chebucto Head, overlooking the Harbour mouth, was again a magnet for hundreds of spectators."

The Chebucto Head Lighthouse was decommissioned several years ago by the federal government and offered to the province, but it remains an offer that has not received any response to date she said.

"Having abandoned the light, the federal government ceased maintaining the road to the Light, which serves as the sole access for approximately ten households and is a point of entry for hikers visiting the recently designated Duncans Cove Barrens," says Raymond. "Hundreds of tourists also continue to visit, weaving along the narrow winding road with margins completely obscured by thick bushes, which is a danger to both pedestrians and motorists."

"It's also important to note that children have to walk this dangerous route in the winter, since school buses do not travel to the houses at the end of the road," says Raymond. "This matter must be taken seriously," challenged the MLA

Raymond is also asking the Premier to have the Department of Transportation immediately clear the dangerous and encroaching vegetation from the road.

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Sunscreens and blockers aren't your only defence against the sun. Best of all is to limit your exposure by avoiding direct sunlight when it's at its strongest (11 a.m. to 4 p.m., daylight savings time or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., standard time). Seek out shady spots when you're outdoors, and remember that fog, haze or light cloud won't protect you from UV rays. If you're out sailing or surfing, also note that water bounces UV rays and makes you sunburn faster.

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Spryfield Legion continues search for historical artifacts

With nine months to go before the Royal Canadian Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion celebrates its 50th Anniversary in March next year, President Betty Neville says the organization continues to search for historical artifacts and photographs for the event.

"We have created our new 'Hall of Honour' which provides dedicated space for us to display our history but we're having a little trouble collecting the kind of things we'd like to see there," she said.

Of most importance, or the most scarce of items, wanted by the Legion are photographs of past members who have since deceased and pictures of its previous loca-

tions. The original Legion operated from space located near Catamaran Pond. Later the organization moved its location to 100 Leiblin Drive, occupying space in what was once a small commercial centre in the neighbourhood which no longer exists. The Legion's existing premises were initiated on Sussex Street in 1966.

"We're preparing for a week long event in March of next year to recognize our 50th year and we'd really like to have an opportunity to display photos of past executive members, past members and the former sites for the Legion," said Neville. She suggested any photos forwarded to the Legion will be copied and the originals returned to their

owners. "We know these will be heirlooms for the people who have them so we want to return them. We're just trying to encourage local residents to have a look through their family photos to see if anything is available to us for a short time."

Anyone who has photos can forward them either to the Legion in person for the attention of Shelley Dean or they can e-mail digital copies to shelleysdean@eastlink.ca.

Besides creating the Hall of Honour, which will also display items of historical interest from past wars, Neville and her committee are planning an anniversary din-

ner on March 15 which will include distribution of commemorative Champaign glasses to invitees which will include members of Legion Division Command, Legion Veterans and hopefully some recent Veterans from conflicts in Afghanistan.

The local branch first received its Charter on March 20, 1958, when 14 Charter members applied. The Ladies Auxiliary received its Charter, on February 16, 1959, when six members made application. The Legion, now with 455 members, burned mortgages on its buildings in 1987 and 1997.



The Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion is preparing for its 50th anniversary this coming March. Members of the organizing committee include Charlie Newtown, Jeannine Poirier, Vivian Melnick, Donnie MacAulay, Alain Nolan, Terry Nolan, President Betty Neville, Buster Brown, Sharon Nicholson, Charlie Martin and Shelley Dean.



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Spryfield, Boys and Girls Club, benefit from KaBOOM playground

Earlier, the ground had to be cleared and cleaned. Then a little later, material, sod, sawdust, cement and more, started to arrive. And then, on July 26, early in the morning KaBOOM arrived with the equipment to find more than 150 volunteers and a multitude of shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, post hole diggers, hammers and other assorted gear waiting on site. By the end of the day, a 40 by 80 foot playground was created on land adjacent to the Spryfield Lions Rink.

"This is just awesome," Spryfield King Lion Rene Quigley said in the middle of one of Halifax's most sweltering days as people milled about moving sawdust, dirt, and cement as KaBOOM Project Manager Caleb Marshall led the team's construction people through the stages of putting together a playground which included three slides, a kind of swing set, climbing areas and other assorted fun things for kids to use.

Dressed in orange coloured Home Depot shirts, the volunteers, which included many familiar faces in the community such as MP Alexa McDonough, MLA Michele Raymond and Councillor Stephen Adams, and many other unfamiliar faces together with a bevy of Home Depot employees who traded time from work to volunteer, the workers toiled at a number of different jobs all at the same time under direction from Marshall.

With temperatures reaching 32 degrees that afternoon, perhaps the most important task was to keep the water flowing while the combined efforts of everyone brought the playground into shape and prepared it for permanent setting into the concrete filled sonotubes holding the play-

ground supports in place.

The project was a joint effort of the Lions Club and the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield who made a joint application to Home Depot's KaBoom Program for a playground. The program, which received more than 5,000 applications from Canada and the United States, provides \$50,000 for the installation of a "community based and supported" playground. "If you stop to think about it, us being selected is a wonderful thing," says Quigley suggesting

that one of the most important aspects of the application is to be able to prove and guarantee community involvement.



"Involvement, participation and ownership by and from the community are key components of the application," he said.

Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield Executive Director Darlene MacLean suggested the playground will be a "true benefit" for the club and it's members. "People will always say you can't do things like this in Spryfield but once again we can prove them wrong. No



one has touched this site for days and the materials have been just sitting here for several days. This playground will give us a chance to take the kids outside to release energy and get them out of the club on hot humid afternoons."

Quigley says a community based grand opening ceremony is being planned for Sunday, August 5, at 2 pm. The public is invited to attend.



The parking lot of the Spryfield Lions Rink was abuzz with activity this month when more than 150 people joined the Home Depot KaBOOM Team, Spryfield Lions Club and the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield in a project to create a new playground adjacent the parking lot. In the photos above, left to right, Halifax MP Alexa McDonough helps shovel sawdust used as ground cover; KaBoom Project Manager Caleb Marshall puts decals on the signage board; Halifax Atlantic MLA Michèle Raymond digs in to offer her help; Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Darlene MacLean, Home Depot's Human Resources Manager Ruth MacDonald; King Lion Rene Quigley and KaBOOM's Marshall pose in front of the near finished structure; and finally workers are shown here filling the post holes with dirt after sonotubes had been filled with cement.

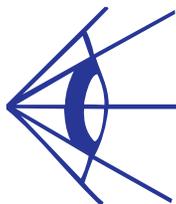
Royal Bank managing fundraising campaign

Spryfield has a new 40 by 80 foot playground thanks to Home Depot, KaBOOM, the Spryfield Lions Club and the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield. But the Lions Club is also holding the responsibility to raise money required to complete the project.

King Lion Renee Quigley said Home Depot through KaBOOM has contributed \$50,000, labour and expertise to the project but total costs for the construction reached into the \$65,000 range, mainly because the land for the playground had to be absolutely environmentally safe for the children.

"We had to accept some extra expense to get it done," said Quigley, explaining that the Lions Club already has half of the approximate \$15,000 shortfall set aside from fundraising efforts and donations.

But he said the Royal Bank of Canada's Herring Cove Road Branch has agreed to accept community donations at the Branch to help complete the funding requirements. Anyone wishing to help offset the shortfall can make a donation to the project at the Royal Bank of Canada. A tax charitable receipt, if requested, can be obtained from the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield.



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Healthcare key to closing Canada's prosperity gap – McDonough

By Alexa McDonough
Halifax MP

Half of all Canadians fear that they are just one or two pay cheques away from poverty. At the same time, corporate executives, the banks and oil companies are enjoying record incomes. To put that prosperity gap into perspective, it will take 4.6 years for the average worker to make what the average Top-100 CEO will make just this week.

But this gap doesn't just show up in the obscene income disparity between the wealthiest 'haves' in our country and the rest of Canadians. Recently, the Health Council of Canada reported that Canada's poorest families are three times more likely to have diabetes

than the wealthiest. Of those families affected by diabetes, the vast majority, as many as three-quarters, also suffer from other chronic health conditions such as heart disease, cancer and high blood pressure.

These families on the losing end of Canada's growing prosperity gap know best of all how critically important affordable public healthcare is in keeping many families from slipping into poverty. Public healthcare is a prosperity gap issue.

Before Medicare, whether Canadians could count on the medical treatment or hospital care they needed depended to an alarming extent on how much money they had, or where they happened to live. We've made incredible progress. But as a result of massive cuts to

Medicare under the Liberals, and total Conservative inaction today, many inequalities have reappeared, especially when it comes to prescription drugs.

A former nurse in Halifax, Judy Young, was diagnosed with cancer four months ago. Judy, who has a husband and an eight-year-old son, could benefit greatly from treatment with the drug, Avastin, and potentially extend her life beyond what traditional therapies could provide. British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador pay for Avastin, but because Judy lives in Nova Scotia, which does not cover this drug, she would have to pay \$8,000 a month for the medication.

In a truly universal healthcare system, Judy should be entitled to the same treatment,

regardless of where she's from. Instead, she's being asked to make decisions other Canadians would never be asked to make. She told the media that she would not put her family into bankruptcy in order to purchase drugs capable of prolonging her life. She would rather die, than place her family in financial hardship.

No one should be forced to make that decision. And if the federal government showed the same leadership as the NDP in proposing its comprehensive prescription drugs program, no one would ever have to. In 1997, the Liberals promised to introduce pharmacare, and did nothing. In 1998, the Liberal government ignored the National Forum on Health's recommendations to fill this need. They were silent again when the same was recommended in Roy Romanow's comprehensive "Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada" in 2002. In 2004, despite the agreement of all provincial governments that a national pharmacare program was desperately needed, Liberal Prime Minister Paul Martin refused to act. Instead, between 1992 and 2002, families faced a 70 percent increase in the cost of prescription drugs, paid for from their own pockets.

Regrettably, the so-called "new" Conservative government has also failed miserably to see the need for a better approach. After two budgets, they have failed to introduce the NDP's proposals for a prescription drugs program that is so desperately needed.

So, ordinary working families facing the greatest health risks, at the wrong end of the prosperity gap, are paying more and more from their hard-earned dollars every year to stay healthy, in some cases just to stay alive. This is more than a prosperity gap; it's a morality gap!

"Bread and Circuses" aren't the whole show

By Michele Raymond, Halifax Atlantic MLA

Halifax was in the spotlight last month, with the Tall Ships, JazzFest, the Marblehead race, Pride Parade and the White Stripes' pilgrimage to ancestral homeland. But the spotlight also shone on public squabbling between the province and municipality about entertainment, and who gets to be in charge, as frustration and competition grew about bringing concerts and sporting events to HRM.

Writing in the first century AD, the Roman playwright Juvenal cast a satirical eye on governments more interested in providing entertainment and cheap handouts, than dealing with necessities. People had lazily given up their democratic rights, he said, and were waiting passively for government to dole out "just two things: bread and circuses."

Today in Nova Scotia, governments again seem more interested in providing entertainment than basic services. Everyone wants to be the hero who brings the circus to town, but when it comes to the real work of government, everyone scatters.

Much of the problem has developed quite recently. 'Service exchange,' enacted in 1996, when the liberal government created HRM, CBRM and Queens, was supposed to clear up confusion about who does what. Creating the big amalgamated municipalities was supposed to save money by centralizing the province's population, and therefore its need for service.

Sewer, water, policing, garbage collection, sidewalks, local roads, transit, recreation and planning would be the work of municipalities; the province would take over all community services, and remained in charge

of environment, transportation, health, housing, education, correctional services, economic development, tourism, natural resources, and intergovernmental relations.

It's not quite that simple. I've often spoken in the House of Assembly on the fact that many municipal decisions have significant environmental impacts. Zoning determines where commercial or institutional uses are permitted, and therefore transportation needs; if the nearest doctors office, daycare, grocery store is 20 minutes away, with no public transit available, private vehicles make the trip, with accompanying greenhouse gases.

Public transit (notably missing along the Sambro Loop), is an essential environmental protection (by reducing emissions), but only municipalities decide where to provide it. This affects us all.

Similarly, large developments (commercial or residential), often jeopardize the water table. (I believe municipalities should be able to require water surveys before approving development, and have appropriate legislation on this).

Roads are tangled, too. Service exchange defined who's in charge of which roads, subject to review every three years (which hasn't yet happened). Provincial highways and pre-existing local roads outside the defined 'urban core' remain provincial responsibility, (but not sidewalks). Private roads remain residents' responsibility (though the municipality can collect fees and do servicing for residents). Any new, nonprivate roads built after 1996 are municipal responsibility (although the local unit might contract the provincial Department of Transportation to do the work).

Still, some roads are in limbo. Chebucto

Head Road was abandoned by the federal government, (but not sold) when the lighthouse was decommissioned. The province doesn't take on new roads; the municipality refuses to take on the road in its current condition. After volumes of inconclusive correspondence, I've now written to the Premier, asking the province to facilitate a solution, since the road is dangerously overgrown and posed a real hazard for anyone going out to watch the Tall Ships or Marblehead race.

Service exchange relieved NS municipalities of social services responsibility (unlike Ontario, where Toronto is abandoning a whole subway line in order to pay for social services). Here though, service exchange left

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District 18 abuzz with summer projects – Adams

By Stephen Adams
District 18 Councillor

Although the summer months usually signify a slow down in Council business, activities in District 18 are on the rise. From a Regional Council perspective, there has been limited activity but locally we are seeing many initiatives. This article will focus on some improvements, future plans and other issues.

About a year ago I had asked staff to assess the lands in and around Hartlen Field at Keyworth Lane and Danforth Avenue. My intent was to have this preserved as green space so that no development could occur. A recent report submitted to Chebucto Community Council affirmed that no development could occur in these areas as they were designated parkland. Simply stated this means that no houses will be built between the existing homes and Governor's Brook.

As well I have requested that our staff meet with Mr. Stan Havill to discuss a possible land exchange or straight purchase of the property surrounding Kidston Lake. This beautiful area would make a beautiful park and would remain pristine should we be successful. Presently the land is zoned Urban Reserve, so it can't be developed for 25 years.

As you drive by along Leiblin Drive, you may have noticed that the concrete slab from 100 Leiblin Drive is gone and replaced with hydro seed. With the help of community members we will be developing a small passive park with benches, shrubs and flowers. You may have already noticed seven new trees.

The long awaited Herring Cove Road

improvements are beginning to come to fruition. The flower baskets have been installed throughout the area. You may be asking "why are they on the opposite side of the poles?" A great question and one that has been asked time and time again. They had to be placed behind the poles so as not to interfere with present or future signage.

The concrete bench pads have been poured with new benches to be installed (scheduled to be done before this article is published) along with trash cans. The part at Williams Lake Road and Herring Cove Road is near completion and work will soon start on the small

HRM working to improved crosswalk safety programs

By Linda Mosher
District 17 Councillor

Unfortunately each year there are tragic accidents at crosswalks in HRM. During budget deliberations, Ken Reashor, Manager, Traffic Authority, presented information on crosswalk safety to Council. He wanted Council to understand the alternatives he would be recommending for Council's budgetary approval and some alternatives he would not be recommending, and why. The Traffic Authority is an independent body that makes decisions based on sound engineering principles and practices, not political pressure.

Mr. Reashor presented pedestrian collision statistics showing the injury rate per 100,000 population compared to other Canadian Cities. Each consecutive year since 2001 there has been a reduction in pedestrian collisions in HRM. The

green space diagonally across the intersection near Shoppers Drug Mart.

The long awaited bridge across the McIntosh Run at Rive Road has been installed and looks magnificent.

A couple of projects have not gone as I would have liked which I am now working to rectify. The new playground equipment at Harrietsfield Elementary School is not enough for the area. Installation regulations and space limitations have been factors so I am trying to find a way to resolve the issue.

As well the long standing problem of Chebucto Head Road, its maintenance and

ownership continues to fester. After a meeting with a local resident and numerous e-mails, I felt it best to add this to our Council meeting agenda and bring resolution to these outstanding issues. When the report comes back I will forward the findings to those affected residents.

I touched on the Nuisance By-Law briefly last month and have some additional information. When the By-Law comes forward to Council I ask that the burning of noxious materials carrying smoke be added. That should help with some of the complaints that I have had over the past few weeks.

average number of collisions per 100,000 residents is 49.1 in HRM, 87.4 in Toronto, 50.8 in Hamilton and 49.6 in Edmonton. The Fatality rates per 100,000 had similar trends, in HRM it was 0.8, Toronto 1.4, Hamilton, 1.0, Edmonton 1.2, with the Canadian average being 1.1. There were many slides of data, but the most striking was the chart that showed HRM pedestrian collision statistics in marked crosswalks, at signals, and unmarked crosswalks. By far the most collisions occurred at marked crosswalks. The data was clear that it is safer for a pedestrian to cross at an unmarked crosswalk than a marked or signalized intersection. Many people aren't aware that there is a crosswalk at every intersection. It is likely safer at unmarked locations because pedestrians exercise greater caution when crossing and based on the findings, they obviously need to do the same at marked locations.

Last year I requested that Council endorse a report on pedestrian countdown signals (PCS) after seeing them used effectively in Montreal. These bright, highly visible digital countdown signals counts down how much time is left before the signal changes. It gives the pedestrian information so they can decide when to proceed or not to proceed.

The initial staff report stated that further research was needed. Not satisfied with this response, I conducted my own research and brought forward to Council the numerous

areas in North America that were successfully using them, such as New York, Toronto, San Francisco, Boston, Burlington, and Mississauga. As well, there was a before and after study done in Maryland that evaluated countdown signals. Their results showed a significant decrease in pedestrian-motor vehicle conflicts after the installation of the signals in four out of five intersections.

Council agreed to my request for staff to conduct a trial at locations that met specific Transportation Association of Canada guidelines (frequented by seniors, children and other mobility challenged pedestrians, at locations with a history of accidents, and high traffic levels at locations that require longer pedestrian crossing times). Subsequent to this motion, staff agreed to install pedestrian count down signals at intersections that were under going LED (light emitting diode) conversion that met the appropriate criteria. Essentially PCS will be installed at all multilane locations.

It costs about \$7,000 to retrofit an intersection with these pedestrian countdown signals. However, if HRM is already making a conversion to LED traffic lights, the cost is about \$3,500. Since we have an ongoing program for these conversions (which are better for the environment, cost much less to operate and are far

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SLAUNWHITE, Henry "Auldon" - 84, Terence Bay, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Terence Bay, he was a son of the late Ted and Laura (Jollimore) Slaunwhite. Auldon worked for Moirs Chocolate and was a janitor for the school board. He is survived by his daughters, Sylvia Billard, Joanny Little and Dorothy Slaunwhite, all of Spryfield; Geraldine Smith, Terence Bay; sons, Rickey, Terence Bay; Johnny (Belinda), Dartmouth; David, Sackville; sister, Beatrice (Roy) Landry, Terence Bay; brothers, Donnie, Ellsworth (Linda), Richie (Patsy) and Murdock, all of Terence Bay; 32 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Lillian Slaunwhite; sons, Cecile, Joe and Lester; sister, Maranda Slaunwhite, and brother, Edward. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). A memorial service was held July 6. Interment was held in the parish cemetery, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Terence Bay.

HENNEBERRY, Alan Joseph - 82, Sambro, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Born in Sambro, he was a son of the late Gustavus and Elena (Twhigh) Henneberry. Alan joined his father on the fishing grounds at age 13, and was dory partners with Ott Gray. He served in the Second World War in the artillery and postal corps. After the war, he fished out of Sambro, in the spring and fall he handlined cod, spent the summers harpooning swordfish and loved lobster fishing in the late fall. He spent 14 years in the Coast Guard, until he retired at the age of 65. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards daily with his friends. Alan enjoyed life, at age 80 he and his friends embarked on an 850 km. ATV tour of Newfoundland. He was an avid Blue Jays fan, and he loved playing softball in his younger years. Alan is survived by his sons, Gary (Monica), Spryfield; Bruce (Heather), East Pennant; Paul (Michelle), Williamswood; Pop will be sadly missed by grandchildren, Trina (Jason Hollett), Enfield; Adam (Kristin Henry), Alberta; Todd (Sarah Ainslie), Williamswood; Mathew and Brent; great-grandchildren, Emma and Austin; brothers, Harold, Gussie (Margaret), Cyril (Pearl), Danny (Agnes), and Lewie; sisters, Thelma and Nettie, all of Sambro; many nieces and nephews, as well as special friend, Jeanne Henneberry. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (Jennex), in 2002; brothers, Charles and Norman; sisters, Nora and Vera. 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 St. James United Church Cemetery.

McNEIL, Ronald Jerome "Ron," Ret'd Constable - 75, Halifax, husband of the late Bertha Theresa (Cormier) McNeil, passed away in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late William and Evelyn (Bowers) McNeil. In his youth, Ron was a very active athlete, and later he enjoyed coaching several baseball and hockey teams. Throughout his life, he was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan. His faith was very prominent in his life and he was a lifelong parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, where he and his wife, Bertha had served as lay ministers. His career was with the Halifax Regional Police, retiring in May of 1982 as a constable on the force, following 29 years of loyal service. Ron thoroughly enjoyed his walks at the "Frog Pond," where he spent much time socializing with his friends. He will be fondly remembered as a family man, who cherished

his special family occasions, especially Christmas. He loved his family dearly and he treasured each of his grandchildren in their own special way, always being proud of them and faithfully attending the activities in which they participated. He will be sadly missed and always remembered by his sons, Kevin (Heather), Bedford, Perry (Linda), Bedford, and Keith (Kelly), Halifax; his daughters, Christine Sutherland (Steve), Halifax, and Diane Randall (Perry), East Chezzetcook; his daughter-in-law, Sharon McNeil, Halifax; a brother, William (Julia) McNeil, and a sister, Susan Murphy (Raymond), both of Halifax, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews. He will affectionately be remembered as "Papa" or "Puppy" by his grandchildren, Ian, Alicia, Kyla, Lauren, Terry, Brent, Kelsie, Megan, Sandy, Liam, Rylie, and Lucy. Ron was predeceased by his loving wife, Bertha; a son, Paul McNeil, and his parents. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601) Interment has taken place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville.

BULGER, Lawrence William - 63, Spryfield, passed away in the Palliative Care Unit of QEII Health Sciences Centre, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on May 16, 1944, a son of the late Lawrence Bulger and stepson of the late Ralph Sullivan. He is survived by his mother, Violet (Bedgood) (Bulger) Sullivan; son, Larry (Sue), Mississauga, Ont.; brothers, Terry (Audrey), Victoria, B.C.; Alan (Heather), Victoria, B.C.; sisters, Carol (Mike) Hurshman, Hatcher Lake; Kathy Sullivan, Dartmouth; nephews, Alan, A.J., Terry, and Troy; step-

daughter, Sheila (Ray) Peters, and stepgrandchildren, Daytona and Andrew. Larry will be sadly missed by all who knew him as he had a great sense of humour and loved to joke around. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601).

CROTTY, Marilyn Pearl - 64, Halifax, wife of Barry Crotty, passed away at the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII, Halifax, surrounded by her loving family. Born in West Dover, she was a daughter of the late Stewart and Helena (Clary) Zinck. For 18 years, Marilyn had been a lunch monitor at J.L. Ilesley High School, retiring in 2003. Marilyn loved her family dearly, especially her four grandchildren. She proudly attended the activities in which they were involved, always encouraging them. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Barry; twin sons, Barry (Michelle) and Gary (Sharon), all of Halifax; her siblings, Carol Reid (Ken), Jack (Colleen) Zinck, Gary (Jane) Zinck, Gail McNeil (Jim) and Sandra Deveau (Gerard), all of Halifax; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. "Nanny" will fondly be remembered by her grandchildren, Cale, Brooke, Madison and Luke. She was predeceased by her parents and a very special friend, Betty McIntosh. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the 7A Palliative Care, QEII, nurses and doctors, especially Dr. McIntyre, for the kindness and compassion given to Marilyn while in their care. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601).

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Natal Day Picnic

A Natal Day Weekend event will be held at Spryfield's Urban Farm Field, Sunday, August 5, from 1 to 3pm. Free lemonade and ice cream will be served by members of the Urban Farm Museum Society. Bring a picnic lunch and a chair or a blanket, and enjoy an afternoon in the peaceful surroundings of an urban garden. Located on Kidston Road, the main entrance to the farm field is near the corner of Ardwell and Rockingstone Road, or walk up Kidston Road from the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Look for the Urban Farm Museum Society signs.

An Evening In The Garden

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will present an Evening in the Garden. Free musi-

cal entertainment in the farm field takes place Thursday, August 23 from 7 pm to 9 pm. The jazz group Food Trio is one of the highlights of the evening. Look for the Urban Farm sign near the corner of Rockingstone Road and Ardwell.

Antiques Road Show

The Mainland South Heritage Society will hold an "Antiques Road Show" in September. Spend an afternoon learning about the history of your prized possessions with experts Louis Leroux, Rosemary Beckett, and Roger Crowther, Saturday, September 22, 11 am to 4 pm at Captain William Spry Community Centre. A \$10 ticket will allow you to bring a maximum of three items (no large pieces of furniture) for a verbal opinion given by our experts. Tickets available for purchase at

Crowell's Pharmasave, 349 Herring Cove Road. For more information contact: Leslie Harnish, President, at 868-2553.

Arts Group

The Chebucto Creative Arts Group, a collection of local artisans and craftspeople are having an art showing at the Captain William Spry Library from 1 to 3 pm on August 18. There will be cake and refreshments.

Class Reunion

The J.L. Ilsley Class of 1987 will hold a Reunion Saturday, August 25, from 4 to 11 pm at Pogue Fado, The Frigate (room downstairs), 1581 Barrington Street. Drop by and catch up with old friends! For more info check out event info on Facebook or email Kim Conrod or Jackie Hunter at jliisley87@yahoo.ca.

Natal Day at the Farm

Residents can celebrate Natal Day with an afternoon in the Farm Field, a Halifax Natal Day Weekend event being held at Spryfield's Urban Farm Field on Sunday, August 5, from 1 to 3 pm. Bring a Picnic Lunch and a Chair or Blanket. Enjoy the afternoon in the peaceful atmosphere of an urban garden. Main entrance is near the corner of Rockingstone Road and Ardwell, or walk up Kidston Road from the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Look for the Urban Farm signs. For further information contact urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com or call 423-6112.

Turkey Supper

The St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove is having a Turkey Supper on Saturday, September 15 from 4 to 6 pm. A bake table and sewing table will open at 2 pm. For further information, please call 446-8168.

Church Chowder Supper

Sunday, August 26 from 4 to 6:30 pm, St.

Peter's, Ketch Harbour will hold the annual Seafood Chowder Supper. Adults \$9; Youth 5-11 \$5; Under 5 free. Eat in or take out. Everyone welcome.

Fundraising For Guides

Beaver Enviro on Herring Cove Road has set up an account for the Armview District Girl Guides. Every time you recycle you can make a donation to the organization.

BC Silver Reunion

The BC Silver High School Class of '65 is holding their Annual Reunion on September 8. This year, we would like to invite not just our class but anyone who was at BC Silver with us, that is, from 1961 to 1965. We will be having a dinner and dance at the Spryfield Legion. For more information, call Carolyn Mont, 477-0187, Geraldine Flemming, 454-6851 or Wolfgang Zeimer, 1-902-543-4989. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please confirm attendance by the end of July.

Society Wants Members

The Urban Farm Museum Society is looking for new members and volunteers. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, 9:30am at the Captain William Spry Community Centre in Conference Room #3. For further information please call Pat at 477-6087.

Free Resource

Want to learn more about how to use local facilities such as your community's school gymnasium to play basketball, badminton, or volleyball? Or enjoy an aerobics or Tai Chi Class? The Chebucto West Community Health Board has developed a brochure with all the information you need to get started. Brochures are available at your local library or on our website: www.cdha.nshealth.ca/community-health/chebucto or by calling 424-5144.

"Bread and Circuses"

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the Spryfield multiservice system vulnerable. The Captain Spry Centre is now a municipal building and purely recreational, although it was partly provincially funded, and designed to house the multiservice system, and a variety of other community services. Where do those services go now?

At the same time, residents in outlying parts of our area are amazed by the lack of local

recreation. Their property taxes are supporting central facilities, but their children can't get there, because there's no public transit.

Amalgamation and service exchange have certainly worked to move people and services into the regional centers, but the package hasn't got rid of any of the big problems facing the province as a whole. No one seems ready to take them on.

We've definitely got the bread and circuses covered; who's in charge of everything else?

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The students at William King Elementary School in Herring Cove completed their drama season with a rendition of Peter Pan. Among the actors were Taylor Martin as Nana The Dog; Sara Hunt as Peter Pan; Sarah Boyle as Wendy; Sylvie Julien as Smee; Jake Cooke as Michael; Hosh Cooke as John; Travis Hatcher as Mr. Darling and Julianna Saoud as Mrs. Darling.

Fusion members gaining reputation for performance at national level

Fusion, a local majorette troupe operating out of Williamswood under the direction of JoAnne Mason, captured three top awards this

past month at the Miss Majorette of Canada Competitions held in Kitchener, Ontario.

Fusion member Emily Spears, a competitor in the Novice category aged 13 to 15; Natasha Pierno, a competitor in the Beginner Class aged 10 to 12 and Madison Crotty, a competitor in the Novice Class age group from 0 to 6, each earned the Miss Majorette of

Canada title in the competition.

The Fusion twirlers, ranging in age from 2 to 21, participate in baton twirling competitions all over the world. The National team, consisting of 13 members, performed this year in Boston, Mass., Salem, New Hampshire, Toronto and Orlando, Florida, as well as many other events in Atlantic Canada.

"No members of our team came home

empty handed from the Kitchener event," said a proud Mason after her return. "This a great accomplishment for our girls and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts," she said.

Following their success in the Kitchener competitions, the team traveled to Southbend, Indiana, to participate in the America's Youth on Parade Competitions which were held at Notre Dame University in mid July.



Miss Majorette of Canada honours were earned by Fusion Majorette members Emily Spears, Novice 13-15; Natasha Pierno, Beginner 10-12; and Madison Crotty, Novice 0-6.

HRM working to improved crosswalk safety programs

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more visible), it made sense to include the countdown signals at warranted locations. The pedestrian countdown signals will be a standard component at appropriate LED conversions in the future. HRM is currently tendering the conversion of 45 intersections that include PCS. This phase of the conversions are all in Dartmouth. Over time, the other areas of HRM will receive pedestrian countdown signals where they are warranted.

In concert with the pedestrian countdown signals, Council approved an education program. The Traffic Authority has finalized an education booklet which will describe key information such as tips for crosswalk safety, legislation/fines, rules of the road, etc. These booklets will be distributed to each household in HRM in early fall. In addition, new

advertisements for crosswalk safety have started on Global TV and will continue for at least six months. The issue of crosswalk safety is a priority for Mayor Kelly as well, and he along

with the provincial Minister of Transportation, formed a Crosswalk Safety Task Force. This joint working group will identify strategies and measures to further improve crosswalk safety.



Royal Bank of Canada Herring Cove Road Branch Manager Mark Hebert was on hand when members of the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield unveiled a mural they created in an arts program. The RBC contributed to the costs of the mural which was unveiled at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

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