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If you support Rotary changes, get involved – Councillors

Halifax Regional Municipality is focused on making changes to the Armdale Rotary, but City Council is facing opposi-

tion to some of its plans from residents opposed to having Chebucto Road widened to three lanes. In an effort to level the play-

ing field, Councillors Linda Mosher and Stephen Adams are encouraging residents from Purcell's Cove to Sambro to get involved in the fray if they support making changes.

good reasons of their own would prefer and seek alternatives to the steps being proposed. It will be a difficult decision for Council to make. A show of support for change from our communities will help balance the process," he said.



William King Elementary School in Herring Cove held a "geometry day" and open house for parents to learn what their children were learning. Mort and Sandy Pelham found out first hand that what grade three student and son Ben is learning is challenging, even for them.

"This is not about establishing a logger head position with residents of the Chebucto Road area," says Councillor Adams. "It's about giving Regional Council the foundation it needs to make tough decisions in a difficult environment."

At Regional Council this past week, members of the Chebucto Road Neighbourhood Association pitched Council on an alternative proposal to improve conditions rather than widening Chebucto Road to three lanes. Widening would allow two lanes of traffic inbound I the morning and two lanes outbound in the afternoon.

The Councillor said 30% of traffic entering the Rotary emanates from Herring Cove Road. "That means our residents are likely more affected by the Rotary's shortcomings than any other community. There is a lobby group in the Chebucto Road area which for

Councillor Linda Mosher said one of the

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Arts are a part of life, not an "add on" – Fels

By Betty Dobson, Staff

Sabine Fels believes strongly in the power of the arts, both in the community in general and among children and teens in particular. Fittingly, she began her tenure as Arts Express Coordinator with the J.L. Ilsley family of schools

in the Fall of 2005, stepping into the shoes of inaugural coordinator Willie Reid. The position provides Fels with a unique opportunity to influence and support students.

"The position came out of the philosophy that a lot of the kids came out of difficult circumstances and may not always fit in," she says, "but often times they flourish in the arts."

Hotel saved from zoning change, now being upgraded

The former Keddy's and then Howard Johnson's hotel on St. Margaret's Bay Road is being brought back into operation, and not too early for either the owners or the residents.

a result, its non-conforming use designation could be in jeopardy as a result.

The "non-conforming use" zoned hotel was severely damaged in Hurricane Juan and closed. The owner applied for building permits to repair the damage. But only minimal activity was undertaken in the first few months, just enough to ensure the continuance of its non-conforming use.

The Councillor, concerned about the potential uses a C2A may allow, said she "may request a zoning change" and asked Legal Services to report on the issue.

But District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher, unhappy with the number of complaints from area residents, requested at Chebucto Community Council in April that staff report on the status of the hotel. The Councillor felt the "use has been substantially discontinued" and, as

Acknowledging the Councillor's concerns, the owner made efforts to respond to the community issues surrounding the construction activity. This past month, Councillor Mosher brought residents face to face with the owner's construction consultant and manager to hear what plans are in store for the hotel.

Lawrence White, Project Engineer, told the residents the hotel was going to be transformed into a "Super Eight" franchise and a hotel again.

He suggested there would be modifications to the exterior and a complete gutting and revamping of the interior. A turning circle was to be included in the front entrance design to accommodate busses without interference to oncoming traffic.

Since the Fall of 2001, the Arts Express Program has built a strong network with schools, community arts organizations, universities, local artists, social agencies, municipal councillors, corporate funding program, teachers, and the Department of Education. Those ties exemplify the community spirit at the heart of the program.

Funding for the position is derived in part from an arts tax levied on Metro Halifax resi-

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group's suggestions is called "high occupancy vehicles" which would require that all cars exiting the Rotary in the morning via Chebucto Road to have at least two persons

in them. Mosher said she is open to any suggestion that improves the flow at the Rotary but "maintaining the status quo is not an option."

"To date," she said, "based on extensive study and analysis, the roundabout conver-

sion is the best option for not only commuters but area residents." At the recent Council session, Councillor Mosher asked that staff come forward with a solution that will work better than the proposed reversing lanes and widening of Chebucto Road. "I would like to know what the alternatives are to ensure safe, effective flow without enticing more drivers than the usual patterns to utilize the Armdale Rotary to access Peninsular Halifax. The report could include, but not be limited to a parcel, tunnel, bridge and overpass," she said.

"We know widening of Chebucto Road

is not a popular choice for residents of the neighbourhood," said Adams. "But the changes will require widening of St. Margaret's Bay Road as well and the people of Herring Cove Road have already endured road widening. It is something that may not be popular but is necessary for the overall good."

Both Councillors urged local residents to support change to the Rotary in a number of ways including signing a community petition, writing Councillors and city hall. How to do this can be found in an advertisement on page 6 of this newspaper.

Keddy's saved from zoning change

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He said there are plans to increase parking to the rear of the hotel, there will be incorporation of storm water controls to prevent damage to Chocolate Lake, the facility will become a barrier free hotel and the pool area, to be refurbished as a fitness centre, will remain accessible to the public.

White also indicated the hotel will have a restaurant and banquet facilities but not a lounge. A canopy will cover the front entrance and the

some hotel rooms will be increased in size, dropping the number of rooms to 140 from 150.

Some residents were concerned about the safety gate protecting the construction site saying the gate prevents emergency vehicles from entering adjacent neighbourhood streets. White suggested the safety precautions are a matter of law and there is little the company can do about removing them at this stage. "I can tell you we have been talking with officials at the Fire and Emergency Services and they will bring bold cutters with them. This gate is not going to stop them." White also explained that after construction the gate would be removed and people will once again have access to the lake behind the hotel.

Another resident requested information regarding who owns a guard rail separating her street from the hotel property and questioned whether it might be made to be more appealing. White suggested surveyors were trying to discover where the property line is and that he would be willing to discuss the issue with residents once the information is gained.

Arts not "add on"

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dents (not including the county or Dartmouth). Additional funds are obtained from a variety of arts foundations, government programs, and private and corporate sources. Finding and applying for such funding is an important part of Fels' routine. The much needed funding makes possible a multitude of projects.

The National Film Board provides a series of filmmaking workshops to all junior high schools in the area. The program is part of the national Action for Neighbourhood Change; Spryfield is one of only five communities in Canada involved.

The program "Please Read the Fine Print," funded through an Arts Smarts grant, showed Sambro Elementary students the intricacies of printmaking with fish parts. And when local fishing boats didn't dock the day of the program, Fels dipped into her own funds to provide fresh salmon from the grocery store.

Project Turn Around, funded through a large grant from the 4C Foundation, drew grade 6 and Junior High students into the world of hip hop culture. Activities such as dance, song writing, and musical effects allowed students to work with established local artists Jake Evans, Jesse Dangerously, Shaun Ryan, Shauntay Grant, and Renee Forestall. The result was a CD of songs and interconnected dance moves. The whole package is slated for public performance on May 25th (location to be determined), June 1st (at the St. Mary's Boat Club), and June 17th (at the Grafton Street Dance Theatre).

Fels also teaches on an on-call basis, running the gamut from primary to grade 12 classes. "In schools where there is no art teacher, I try to link art to other subjects," she says. The approach provides direct teaching and brings some excitement into the classroom.

"If there is no job as an arts coordinator, none of these things happen," she says, effectively summing up the value of the Arts Express Program. "Community and art need to be linked, especially for youth," she says. "Art needs to be seen as part of life, not as an add on."

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Spryfield's Wendy Mooney definitely committed to Tattoo

By Ali Bryan
Staff

Wendy Mooney hasn't missed a beat, or a step for that matter. The Spryfield resident has danced in every single Tattoo since the show's inception in 1979. The event marked the opening of the International Gathering of the Clans and was attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Mooney was sixteen at the time, and can still recall how "nervous" she was performing for The Queen Mother. "But she told us we danced like 'wisps of thistle down,'" says Mooney. Since then, she has performed for His

Royal Highness The Duke of York in 1985, The Earl of Wessex in 1987 and HRH The Princess Royal in 1991. It is only fitting that the legendary show was recently granted the designation "Royal" on occasion of The Queen's 80th birthday. Jokes Mooney, "I almost feel like one of the family."

Mooney started dancing in 1970. She moved quickly from ballet into highland dance and eventually immersed herself in jazz, tap, social, step, hip hop and ballroom. Though she primarily performs in the Tattoo's signature highland dance numbers, she has also performed everything from the Charleston to the Can-Can, which she performed with a visiting

band from Germany.

Over the years, Mooney has continued to progress within the organization of Tattoo Dancers. She moved from the back row to become one of the more experienced front line dancers, became an assistant choreographer and, in 2005, choreographed the show's children's scene – a school-yard period piece that featured more than a hundred children. Even then, she still danced in the highland scenes.

She describes the Tattoo experience as "addictive." From the thrill of performing in front of sold-out audiences, to the excitement of meeting people from all over the world and building lasting friendships. Of course she also credits the show with many personal firsts. Mooney has learned how to rappel, ride a gym wheel (the human equivalent of a hamster

wheel) and "put together a gun." And, she adds, "I don't plan on retiring anytime soon."

Mooney is a performer at heart. Though she admits her knees are not what they used to be, she plans to keep on dancing. She is most proud of the fact that she is the only participant, still performing, who has been in every single Tattoo since 1979. "I'm certainly not the best dancer out there," says Mooney, "but I've been told I can be picked out from anywhere in the Metro Centre." Her enthusiasm and commitment are unmatched.

This year Mooney will dance in two highland numbers with the Tattoo Pipes and Drums. The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo runs from July 1-8 at the Halifax Metro Centre. For tickets call: 451-1221 or visit: www.ticketatlantic.com.



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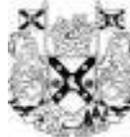
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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

St. John the Baptist Church in Armdale was founded in June 1920

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

The following excerpt from an article in the Evening Mail, dated Saturday, December 7, 1929, provides

the early history of St. John the Baptist Church:

"It is over seven years since the late John Egan saw the necessity for a Catholic church to serve the territory between Armdale and Herring Cove and, putting his sincerity of faith into action, this lay apostle presented to His Grace, Archbishop McCarthy, what was then known as the old Powder Magazine and the adjoining land for that purpose.

Gathering in the evenings the Catholics in the neighbourhood made the necessary alterations themselves to equip the old building as a place of worship and for the next seven years the little church was a mission of St. Agnes. From June 24, 1920, until October 1, 1927, Reverend Father M.J. Cole of St. Agnes administered to the spiritual needs of the mission. Through his zeal and devotion the tiny congregation grew rapidly in numbers so that on Oct. 1, 1927, it was elevated to the station of a parish and Reverend Father Peter F. Martin, his curate, was appointed Pastor. Under his devotion, the congregation continues to grow making it necessary to build an addition to the church to accommodate 50 people. Even this was not enough because the walls of the 125 year-old building could not bear the strains of another addition. The original handful of parishioners grew to 70 families and children attending Sunday School went from 13 to 130.

The design of the new church is unique in this part of the country, a replica of the Spanish Mission style architecture found in Mexico and California. Measuring 82 by 32 with a spacious basement for the Sunday School and seating capacity of 325 on the main floor and balcony, its most remarkable feature is the beautifully paneled and raftered ceiling of Douglas Fir."

The article goes on to say that an appeal for funds was made to friends in the city and province. The building was designed by David Saxton and the work was supervised by Richard J. Carmichael.

Reverend Father Peter F. Martin remained the full time pastor of St. John the Baptist Church until just before his death, 22 Sept.

1964. He was the son of Senator Peter F. Martin and was ordained in 1920. Always a sports enthusiast, Father Martin coached the Oxford Street School boys hockey team in the 1920s; in the 1940s he provided the Father Martin Trophy each year to the winning Junior Boys team of the Northwest Arm Hockey League. The trophy was won by the Jollimore team for three consecutive years in the late 1940s.



Rev. Father Peter F. Martin of St. John the Baptist Church, Armdale

Roman Catholic children attended public schools in Jollimore and Spryfield where Father Martin, with his keen interest in education, was very involved in school events. His name was on several awards which he personally presented at Christmas and at the end of the school

year. In November 1946 Father Martin opened Sister Pius Memorial School, a parochial school, in the basement of St. John the Baptist Church. Three rooms served the 125 pupils in grades one to four. More classrooms were added for grades five to nine but it was not long before the call went out to parishioners to help fund a new building. Eventually a separate six-room school was built on the property to accommodate the growing population of Roman Catholics in Armdale, Melville Cove, Kline

Heights, Spryfield, Jollimore and Purcell's Cove. The school became known, in later years, as St. John the Baptist School and became part of the public school system in 1969 when the area amalgamated with Halifax City. Sister Elsie Martin was the last principal of the school before it closed in 1972.

St. John the Baptist Church continues to serve local Roman Catholic families. This month parishioners will celebrate the 86th anniversary of its founding.

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Jost Centre celebrating 15th year

By Ali Bryan, Staff

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The Mont Street facility was built in 1991 and "designed specifically with children in mind," says Smyth. The centre boasts four bright classrooms, two sizeable playgrounds and a spacious gym. The functional layout is complimented by lots of windows, art work and colour. It's a stimulating environment, even for an adult and is large enough to serve 52 children aged eighteen months to five years. It is also wheelchair accessible, has a special needs program and offers both full fee and subsidized daycare positions.

All of the staff are trained in early childhood education and are committed to enhancing the "social, physical, cognitive and emotional well being of each child." Establishing positive communication with parents, guardians and family members is another core value of the organization.

The centre focuses on play and active learning. Children experience both indoor and outdoor learning activities, participate in regular field trips and outings and are often treated

to guest speakers. Members of the local fire department recently visited the centre; a day Smyth recalls was "very special" for several mesmerized toddlers. A music teacher also comes into the school every week.

In addition to current children and their parents, Smyth expects a number of former students, parents and teachers to attend the June 3rd open house. "It's a great opportunity for people to reunite with old friends," she says. Furthermore the event provides prospective parents the chance to tour the facility and meet the staff. The cake and ice cream don't hurt either. The open house runs from 1 to 3 pm. For more information contact 477-9324 or visit the centre at 7 Mont Street.



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Students raise the ante to \$25,591

Skipping. A long heralded childhood pastime. Something almost everyone of use had done at some point in their lives, has raised more than \$25,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation at Harrietsfield Elementary School.

Using pledge sheets kids at the school have for several years now participated in the national school based program "Jump Rope for Heart" in support of the Foundation. This year the kids presented Natalie Conway, Heart and Stroke Foundation Project Coordinator, with a cheque for more than \$6,000 from their program. In receiving the cheque

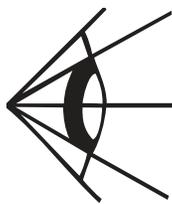
Ms. Conway told the school's assembly at its May Hall Meeting that their donation was "exceptional."

"This takes a lot of hard work on your behalf and this is your eight year of participation," she said, before congratulating the school students for raising more than \$25,591 through the program, a declaration that was met with a loud applause from the students and parents who attended.

Conway said the Foundation's ambition is to give the kids a chance to show off their skills while they learn the fundamentals of a healthy heart exercise and the basics of a healthy heart lifestyle.



Harrietsfield Elementary School has a strong tradition of participation in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's "Jump Rope for Heart" skipping fundraiser. The school has raised more than \$25,000 in the past six years. Among the participants who presented Natalie Conway, Project Manager, with a cheque for more than \$6,000 this year included Mrs. Jill Ginn, teacher and organizer; Zachary Goulden, Josh Delorey, Alexandra Lang, Erica Petrossie, Ms. Natalie Conway, Erin Dwyer, Cydney Prime, Megan Watters, Cameron Baillie, Alex Watters, Emily Currie and Victoria MacDonald.



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Drivers in the circle will have the right-of-way, and other drivers will have to wait for a gap to enter. HRM is planning to undertake physical changes to the rotary to ensure motorists enter the roundabout at safe speeds.

In response to this change, HRM retained the services of European consultants experienced in rotary to roundabout conversions. Using Armdale Rotary data and computer simulation programs, the consultants determined existing traffic flows would worsen with a roundabout unless other changes were incorporated into the planning. Recommended changes include:

1 - Widening of Chebucto Road to add a third, reversing lane, giving traffic an additional lane to exit the rotary.

2 - Creation of a left turning lane on the St. Margaret's Bay Road to prevent traffic from backing up into the roundabout.

HRM staff not only support the recommendations, staff have determined "maintaining the status quo" at the Armdale Rotary is not an option.

If you are in support of the consultant and subsequently, HRM staff's recommendations, we ask that you do one, some, or all of the following:

1 - Writing to HRM's Clerk's Office asking that all members of Council be copied in support of your request for improvements to be implemented at the Armdale Rotary:

- Address: PO Box 1749, Halifax, NS, B3J 3A5;
- Email: clerks@halifax.ca
- Fax: 490-4208

2 - Sign a copy of a petition circulating in many of the neighbourhood businesses and community centres;

3 - Write the Traffic Authority, attention: Ken Reashor, and/or Transportation Manager,

Planning, David McCusker, Via the Clerk's Office at the HRM address listed above.

In support of Rotary improvements:

Linda Mosher, Councillor - District 17
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and

Stephen Adams, Councillor - District 18
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**Please bear in mind that to ensure optimal results, all of the above changes must be incorporated.*

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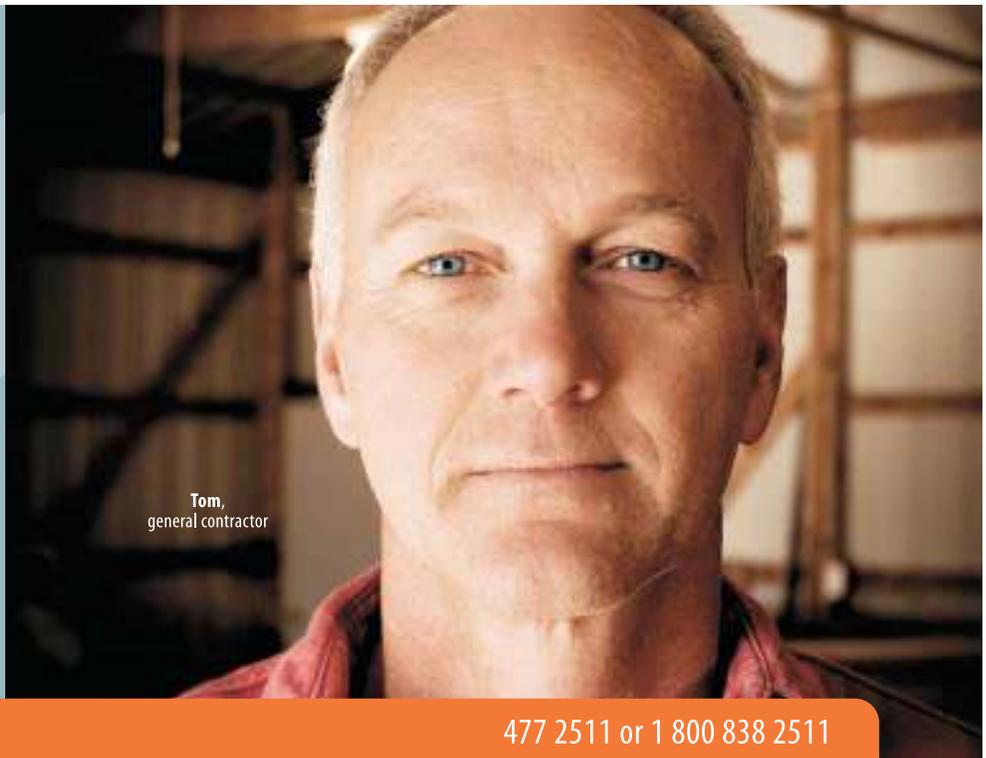
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Provincial Election 2006

It's time to "realize real government representation" – Cooke

By Bruce Cooke
Conservative Candidate

My name is Bruce Cooke and I am the Progressive Conservative candidate in the provincial general election on June 13, 2006. It has been a dream of mine for as long as I can remember to have the honor and responsibility to serve you as your representative in government.

I am married with four children, two boys and two girls, Makenna 12, Josh 10, Jake 8, and Madison 6. Diana and I are busy with our family and we both find time to volunteer in our community, we both feel it is important to give back to our community. I have been blessed to have a

great marriage and wonderful family. For work I have owned and operated a Sales Agency for 22 years selling primarily footwear to independent stores.

I have supported my community through direct involvement in many community based organizations including the Business Commission, Schools, Church, and numerous sports teams. I must say that I have found the volunteer work that I have done in my community over the years has been exhilarating and very satisfying.

One of the reasons I feel compelled to put my name on the ballot in this election is the reality that for over fifteen years our community

has endured NDP representation. We have watched the new recreation facilities be built elsewhere. Infrastructure dollars for safe water, modern sewer services, public transportation, new roads and repairs, school improvements, public transportation, location of government offices and the jobs they bring to communities will all continue to be sent to ridings with government members.

Our families and seniors need to have Bruce Cooke sitting in government pushing our communities issues and concerns day in and day out, delivering the recreation facilities and infrastructure dollars to our people right here in Halifax Atlantic.

We have a Conservative Federal

Government and after this provincial election we will again have a Progressive Conservative Government. I ask that you consider supporting me with your vote on June 13th so that we can realize for our communities the benefits of real government representation.

Less than three years ago The Progressive Conservative Party was only 300 votes away from winning the 2003 election here in Halifax Atlantic. Based on my door to door campaign, I believe we have the momentum this time to win the election. If there ever was a time to have government representation for our community, that time is now.

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"Don't settle for less" – Hoskins

By Jim Hoskins
Liberal Candidate

Since my nomination as the Liberal MLA candidate, people have consistently asked me why, after retiring from 36 years of policing, I entered the political arena. I tell them that it was a natural progression. During my police career, I delivered a very important public service. I helped people. Connected with people. And most importantly, listened to and heard people. I worked hard to seek opportunities for positive changes. A lot of my work

was done in Halifax Atlantic and I'm passionate about continuing my public service in our area with the goal of creating a brighter future for our families.

I also tell people that I believe it's about time we give another party and person a chance to get things done. All of us should be saying "Don't settle for less in Halifax Atlantic."

For more than 30 years living in Halifax Atlantic, I've seen very little progress on the provincial front. Our roads are still dangerous.

see "Don't Settle" pg. 14

On June 13th
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Provincial Election 2006

Responsible leadership about getting results – Raymond

By Michele Raymond, NDP Candidate

Having grown up in Halifax-Atlantic, I am honoured to serve this area as a provincial representative and to be part of this vital and growing community.

I've spent much of my adult life promoting the rich and diverse heritage of this area, which was central to the development of the nation and attracts visitors from all over the world. I've served as President of the Mainland South Heritage Society and co-authored "Halifax's Northwest Arm: An Illustrated History." I transcribed the Deadman's Island prisoner lists which led to the international recognition of this site.

I believe understanding local history can help us solve local challenges today, which led me to found the Urban Farm Museum Society in 1996, and to reinstate the Northwest Arm ferry on a trail basis in 2001.

In 2003, I was elected to the legislature for the first time and I've been honoured to serve as advocate and representative since then. I am proud of all we have achieved together, including: improvements to provincial roads in outlying areas; improvements to public and seniors' housing like Captain William Spry Lodge where an elevator was finally installed after I raised the issue in the legislature; and the removal of the Business Occupancy Tax, encouraging fuller use of business buildings along Herring Cove Road.

Responsible leadership is about working hard to get results for all Nova Scotians, regardless of which party they support. I am proud to be part of a constructive and responsible NDP team that worked hard for you while others played the blame game. We used the last term to deliver on key commitments like putting an end to forcing seniors in nursing homes to pay for their health care; fairness on family emergency leave, overtime and minimum vacation; help for low-income diabetics; tax relief for property owners keeping land in their family; and help for autistic children.

The NDP have been "constructive and positive" – Steele

By Graham Steele, NDP Candidate

I have been your provincial representative in Halifax Fairview since 2003. I am grateful for the support I have received from the people of the constituency. I am working hard to earn your continued support.

I am proud to be part of Darrell Dexter's NDP team. We will deliver a better deal for you and your family.

Unlike the other parties, we will not make hundreds of promises we have no intention of keeping. We do not make promises we cannot keep.

In this election, the NDP makes five key commitments to you and your family including giving families a needed break, including taking the provincial tax off home heating, starting this winter; cutting wait times, starting with emer-

dren.

In the next term, I want to continue to work on important issues, including: removing HST from home heat and other essentials; creating subsidized child care spaces in Spryfield so parents can live and work in this area; ensuring safe drinking water; enhancing public transit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; protection for people who suddenly lose health insurance and prescription drug coverage; protection of wetlands and trees surrounding waterways; opening more nursing home beds so seniors can stay close to their

agency rooms; delivering affordable, quality education, including a 10% tuition cut for post-secondary education; ensuring dignity for seniors, including 500 more long-term care spaces within two years; and living within our means, including our firm commitment to balance the budget.

Over the past three years, the NDP made minority government work. We have been constructive and positive. We ended the unfair practice of forcing seniors in nursing homes to pay for their health care. We achieved a higher minimum wage and better labour standards. We won a guarantee for students that federal funding will be used for apprenticeship and trades training, lower tuition fees and student grants. With more MLAs, we could achieve so much more.

In the constituency, I have worked with

family and friends and to free up hospital resources; cutting seniors' Pharmacare premiums; eliminating ambulance fees for patient transfers to and from nursing homes; a province-wide screening program for colorectal cancer; safer communities and schools by providing more police officers and more anti-bullying resources; and affordable public "core" auto insurance.

I am proud to represent Halifax-Atlantic in the provincial legislature and with your continued support, I will continue to work hard on your behalf.

many of you to support local non-profit groups. We have worked together on local issues like Long Lake Provincial Park, provincial aspects of development issues, fairer ambulance fees, and noise reduction on the Bicentennial Highway.

It has also been my privilege to go to bat for hundreds of individuals having difficulty with some aspect of government.

My assistant Catherine and I take great pride in being accessible and responsive. I have met many of you on your doorsteps between elections. I want to thank every one of my constituents who has shared their time and their stories with me. I can do my job better when I know what issues matter to you and your family.

After five years, you know you can count on me. With Darrell Dexter, you know you can count on the NDP.

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Councillor Adams requests extension of serviceable boundary

By Stephen Adams, Councillor District 18

After years of waiting, meetings, public input and lengthy discussions, the public hearing for the Regional Development Plan has been finished. During our May 17 meeting, Council heard from many residents who came forward to offer support for the plan, suggestions for improvement and praise for our Regional Planning staff.

Since the moratorium was implemented a few years ago, our staff have meticulously developed a framework to help with planning over the next 25 plus years. Although we don't agree on every point, I cannot begin to express my sincere appreciation for their quick response to questions, both specific and general regarding the plan. Given the pressures they faced, their efforts were outstanding.

On June 13 Council will be discussing the many proposed amendments suggested by residents and will decide which ideas will be incorporated and which ones will be set aside for future discussions.

One of the significant amendments I had requested was the extension of the water serviceable boundary beyond Herring Cove to the Halibut Bay area. This could allow for future development, albeit 10 plus years into the future.

Another issue that could affect many of us isn't even in our district, the widening of Chebucto Road. Presently the Armdale Rotary or Round-A-Bout tends to fill at peak times with the main arterials not able to accommo-

date traffic loads. By widening Chebucto Road, and allowing an extra lane at peak times whether in-bound or out-bound pressure would ease off Quinpool Road and the Rotary. I have delivered petitions to local businesses should you wish to support Councillor Mosher and me in our efforts to see this through. As a point of interest all of these changes are the result of a provincial decision to amend the Motor Vehicle Act. We are left to adjust accordingly.

Over the next number of months, we will be meeting at the Community Council level to further amend the Regional Plan to offer more structure and amendments.

Budget "an opportunity wasted" – McDonough

By Alexa McDonough, MP Halifax

The Conservatives' first budget looks like 13 years of Liberal budgets, more disappointment for struggling families.

With an \$8-billion surplus, this government could have paid down debt and invested in neglected priorities such as more affordable education, new child care spaces, healthcare and clean energy alternatives.

Instead, the Conservatives have squandered \$7 billion on tax cuts for corporations that are already earning record profits. This needless corporate gift won't create one child-care space, one training opportunity or help clean our air.

These are the same corporate tax cuts the

I have had a number of calls regarding the development behind Leiblin Park, more specifically the amount of charge used in the blasting and the significant amount of dust. I have addressed these through by-law enforcement and will continue to do so on your behalf.

This is the time of year when many areas in HRM get playground upgrades. The problem lies in the timing in that there are limits to our capacity for installing this equipment. I have asked staff to replace the equipment at Cuvelier Field and to also add more.

If you have ever traveled to the east of Acorn Road, you will see that the bushes have

been cut. As a result of concerns raised by the police we did this to open the area up a little and to allow for the development of a small park for all to enjoy.

At a public meeting held a few months ago in Sambro, Aliant put forward a request to install a cell tower in Sambro Head. Those in attendance were very supportive with the only criticism being "what took you so long."

At this time of year there are many school fairs, church events and community gatherings. I encourage you to attend these as they are great fun and a good way to meet your neighbours. I hope to see you there.

Liberals tried to pass last year, until the NDP redirected that money into ordinary people's priorities. The Conservatives are getting away with it now with the Bloc Quebecois's support.

What's in this budget for individuals? Instead of real investment, there's an over-hyped set of tax credits and cuts that disproportionately help the wealthy and do less for the rest of us. For instance, modest-income families will lose up to \$1,000 of the \$1,200 per-child family allowance to taxes and claw-backs.

Meanwhile, child care wait lists will go up as a result of this budget, and so will pollution and student debt. Time after time, with Liberals or Conservatives in charge, the well-connected are the big winners. Someone needs

to put working families first, and that's why I'm so proud that the NDP has tabled landmark legislation to lay a reliable foundation for national child care.

Passing the Early Learning and Child Care Act can move us forward after years of false starts and setbacks under the Mulroney Conservatives, four Liberal governments, and now the Harper Conservatives.

Passing this legislation will ensure reliable provincial transfers for child care spaces, while entrenching the principles of quality, universality, accessibility, accountability, educational development and inclusiveness.

Expanding early learning is a smart investment that boosts kids' development and helps parents who work or study. Most Canadians do believe learning-based child care should be an option for everyone, but the affordable spaces simply don't yet exist.

We will not turn our backs on early learning in this Parliament, even if Stephen Harper is still pretending his \$3-a-day family allowance offers parents "real choice" in child care.

Just as the Canada Health Act is the heart of national medicare, the Early Learning and Child Care Act can be another cornerstone for Canadian families. Only legislation can provide the stable foundation we need for an outstanding early learning program. Let's get it right this time!

Canadians consider public health care to be their top priority, but the Conservative budget does nothing to strengthen it. There's nothing in this budget to address the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs. There's nothing in this budget to reduce wait times for patient care. There's no new money in this budget for innovations to help free up costly hospital beds.

Do the Conservatives think corporate tax cuts matter more than health care for families? Along with NDP Leader Jack Layton and the NDP team, I will keep fighting for better public health care, starting with these priorities: cost-saving innovation — Introduce national home care and long-term care programs that would free up acute hospital beds for those in urgent need. More doctors and nurses — Create more training spaces for health care providers to ease the burden on today's overworked professionals. Reduce drug costs — Introduce national pharmacare to reduce costs for families, and end patent drug "evergreening" so cheaper generics are available sooner.

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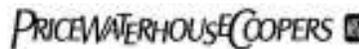
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Rotary changes necessary – Mosher

By Linda Mosher
District 17 Councillor

The Armdale Rotary was constructed in 1955. It was designed to handle 20,000 cars per day. In 1960 the volumes were already over 18,000 cars per day. In 1973 it went up to 51,000 vehicles per day and currently the rotary handles about 55,000 cars per day. This number will be increasing due to the proliferation of development, especially outside the urban core.

The cars using the rotary not only come from our areas such as Spryfield, Armdale, Herring Cove, but also from Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea, Tantallon-Hubley, Seabright and Prospect. Increased traffic is causing problems. It is getting to a point that the Armdale Rotary does not flow as well as previously. Often when a car stops to allow another to enter, they block the exits for other drivers and this creates back ups. You may have noticed that during the morning rush hour over the last week, the line of traffic on Quinpool Road was backed up almost to the Armdale Rotary. One can only image how bad this will be in September when it is back to school and traffic increases.

In October of 2005, the Province of Nova Scotia changed the Motor Vehicle Act, making all existing and future rotaries utilize roundabout rules. What this means is that instead of the one on one driving rules that we currently use, drivers waiting to enter the rotary would yield to the circulating traffic, this is called "yield at entry." The other difference from a rotary and a roundabout is "wide entry deflection," this requires the motorist to slow down in order to safely enter the roundabout.

The Province has already changed the rules in the legislature, and HRM must change the physical layout to accommodate it. We retained the services of European consultants, who are experienced in these types of conver-

sions. The consultants used our exact data, volumes and flows, and examined upstream and downstream traffic and bottlenecks. They used a computer modelling program to create a micro-simulation model to determine how well the rotary would operate as a roundabout and to identify any improvements which would be required. It was determined that the provincially mandated rules change will cause problems with traffic exiting the circle.

The analysis determined that flow would actually be worse with a roundabout than a rotary, unless changes were made. In order to eliminate excessive backups, it was determined that during the morning peak period especially, that an extra exit lane would be required on Chebucto Road, in order to remove traffic efficiently. Chebucto Road would have reversing lanes like the Herring Cove Road. In the morning we would have two lanes outbound, and in the afternoon we would have two lanes inbound. This will give drivers an alternative to Quinpool Road and traffic will flow better. In the afternoon, it is expected that there will be back ups, back into the rotary, from the St. Margaret's Bay Road exit. This area only has two lanes, which will create a choke point in removing traffic. HRM will be making a third, left turn only lane. This will allow traffic to turn left into residential side streets and businesses such as the hotel and Need's.

Unfortunately there is a down side to making additional lanes, land is required. In 2004, Council purchased a house that was for sale on Chebucto Road for required frontage. The last step is to acquire some property frontage from about a dozen houses. You may have heard the homeowner's outrage or have seen the yellow caution tapes and signs the residents placed on their properties. Years ago a similar situation occurred, to a much larger extent, on the Herring Cove Road. This required extensive property acquisition and widening in order to improve traffic flow.



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Letters To The Editor

United Way “committed to Spryfield”

Dear Editor

United Way of Halifax Region has a strong history of working with several neighbourhoods throughout Halifax Regional Municipality to help build extraordinary communities. Our most recent work involves Spryfield and the Action for Neighbourhood Change (Action) project. Action, a federally funded project, addresses neighbourhood challenges through resident engagement and information sharing. In our work with agencies and with this project, we have invested approximately \$750,000 in Spryfield since 1990.

Action’s purpose is to support the revitalization of neighbourhoods by building on the strengths of local residents to build and sustain strong, healthy communities. Spryfield was chosen to participate in Action because it has community pride, active citizens and community groups, fine services and businesses and a long history of groups working well together. The program is also an excellent fit with United Way community building principles, particularly in the areas of strengthening and supporting local agencies and residents.

Action’s work over the past year has helped support the Spryfield Boys and Girls Club, the Spryfield Business Directory, two local websites, the Municipal Step Up to Leadership program and the development of a community garden and park. Action staff have also interviewed

over 300 residents and sent out surveys – primarily in central Spryfield – asking three questions: what do Spryfielders love about their community?; what do Spryfielders want to see

Mosher incorrect regarding power supply

Dear Editor

I was pleased to read in the current issue (May) of the Chebucto News that the Cowie Hill condominium managers and Nova Scotia Power have, after talks extending over a number of years, reached a tentative agreement. This is indeed good news for everyone.

As a retired electric utility engineer I was however, disappointed with the comment made by Councillor Linda Mosher in which she stated that the “underground wiring gives the community a more reliable power source.” I have previously brought to Councillor Mosher’s and Mayor Peter Kelly’s attention the fact that Cowie Hill’s electrical distribution system being underground was unrelated to the short service interruption time following Hurricane Juan. The area of Kline Heights, which is immediately adjacent to the Cowie Hill development, experienced exactly the same interruption time even though this area is completely serviced by an overhead system. The answer to this is quite simply that the overhead distribution feeder supplying both communities was interrupted for a relatively short period.

changed?; and how do they want to be involved in Spryfield’s future? We compiled all of this information into a community profile.

We are creating a more formal structure for

While there are obvious advantages with underground wiring, particularly during storms, etc., there are also the disadvantages such as the substantial increase in capital costs and the time required to repair or replace damaged cables. It should be understood, however, that the service to the Cowie Hill development is dependent on an overhead distribution feeder.

Action through resident and resource committees. This structure is consistent with successful

see “United Way” pg. 15

I also believe Councillor Mosher has overstated the benefits of underground wiring when she is quoted that they “reduce wind speed, lower heating and cooling costs and lower fire hazards.” I very much doubt that these opinions would be shared by persons in the electric utility business.

W.J. Phillips, Crestview Drive

Portrayal of “visible minorities” “astounding”

Dear Editor

We are the Grade 12 African Heritage Literature class at J.L. Ilesley High School. Our attention was recently drawn to an article from the last issue (May) of the Chebucto News, entitled “We Are Spryfield Document Causes Stir.” We were disheartened to see that Spryfield ranked well below the municipal average in many areas such as university education and employment. However, the fact that Action for Neighbourhood Change considers the presence of “visible minorities” as a negative quality of our community is, quite frankly, astounding. We think it is unconscionable of

the United Way to encourage such a blatantly racist and false measure of community.

Diversity strengthens our community. We become better citizens when we develop respect and tolerance for the ideas and perspectives of others. If Action for Neighbourhood Change honestly thinks that Spryfield would be better if it was “whiter,” then they do not represent us “We” are Spryfield.

Students
Ms. Curran’s African Heritage Literature 12 Class

Editor’s Note: The letter was signed by 24 class members.



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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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YEADON, Francis Edison - 81, Halifax, passed away in the VG Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in Spryfield, Edison was a son of the late James and Carolyn (Sutherland) Yeadon. He was in the Merchant Navy and was a Japanese POW from 1942 until 1945. He also had his own business of engraving tombstones in Ontario. He is survived by his loving wife, Joan (Dunn) Yeadon; sons, James (Sandy), Willowdale, Ont.; Timothy, Ontario; stepsons, Lorne Snow, Halifax; Kevin Snow, Brampton, Ont.; grandchildren, Darryl and Julieane, Edison was predeceased by stepdaughter, Cheryl Devoc; sisters, Anna DeYoung, Muriel Burton, infant sister, Vivian; brothers, Harry, Aubrey, Donald, and Woodrow. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was in Yeadon's Cemetery, Spryfield. Family flowers only. Donations in Edison's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

SAVOURY, Florence - 88, Halifax, passed away in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Belleoram, N.L., she was the daughter of the late William and Frances Savoury. Florence was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is survived by husband, Conrad Savoury; daughters, Hilda Whittle, Alberta; Florence Dominix, Alberta; Judy-Ann Organ, St. Albans, N.L.; Emily (Leventus) Gould, Bedford; stepdaughter, Linda Savoury (Neil Rushton), Dartmouth; sons, Levi (Lorraine) Dominix, Lakeside; Joseph (Donna) Dominix, Herring Cove; Norman (Debbie) Dominix, Cow Bay; Leventus (Paula) Dominix, Dartmouth; Harvey Dominix, Halifax; Lando (Elaine) Dominix, Spryfield; stepson, Cyril (Chantelle) Savoury, Drydon, Ont.; son-in-law, John Dominix, Belleoram, N.L.; 34 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren. Florence was the last surviving member of her immediate family and was predeceased by daughter, Jessie Dominix; 22 brothers and sisters, and former husband, Thomas. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in Oakridge Memory Gardens.

sadness, we, the family of Dorothy Johnston of Halifax, announce her sudden passing at home. Born on November 7, 1910, and raised in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Irene Daulphine. She was a caring, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great great-grandmother. She went to school at Tower Road School. Dorothy was married to Frank Johnston, who predeceased her. They began their family among the first residents of Spryfield, living at first, in a log cabin. She enjoyed knitting and making doll clothes for her great-grandchildren. She became a friend to all with whom she came in contact and was "Nan" to most. She is survived by her sister, Dot Williams, Halifax; her daughters, Joy (Charlie) Angevine, Harcourt, Ont., and Ruby (Ralph) Oakley, Ottawa, Ont.; her grandchildren, Susan, Lynn, Valerie, Karla, Warren, Paul, Roy and Martin, as well as many great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren; also her cousin, Ollie Peachy; her nephew, Johnny Clothier, and her niece, Marie Webb. She will be missed by all who knew her. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her brothers, Ward Macbournie and Victor Macbournie, and sister, Vera Clothier. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601).

JOHNSTON, Dorothy Pearl - With heartache and

"Don't settle"

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We've lost some social services such as a child daycare centre and a children services centre. Our 25-year old Long Lake Provincial Park has yet to be developed or cleaned up after Hurricane Juan. And, our city has become the number one most violent city in Canada. We have very little affordable housing. The residents of Herring Cove had to practically beg for help from the Conservative government for assistance with water and sewer. And, in the over 14 years that the NDP has been representing Halifax Atlantic, they have been equally non-responsive to all of these issues.

Since last July, I've been out speaking with people all over Halifax Atlantic. I've been encouraged by all of the dedicated and community-minded people. They truly want the best for their community but are disappointed in their politicians' lack of action.

This election is the best example of democracy in action. It represents an opportunity to give hope to these communities by allowing people the one time where they can decide who they want as their voice at Province House.

I commend my fellow candidates, Bruce Cooke for the Conservatives and Michele Raymond for the NDP. I look forward to a good campaign. However, the Conservatives believe they deserve another four years after building up a provincial debt of almost \$13 billion, costing every Nova Scotian \$13,000. The NDP seems willing to support the Conservatives' out of control spending. Where is the traditional NDP action for child-care, affordable housing and healthcare in Halifax Atlantic? Our NDP representation in Halifax Atlantic over the last three years has not addressed these and other issues aggressively enough. The coalition between the Progressive Conservative Party and the New Democratic Party has done very little to benefit Halifax Atlantic.

Ask yourself what you want the headlines to say the day after the election. Four more years? Or do you want a fresh approach with new ideas. Don't settle for less...vote for Jim Hoskins.

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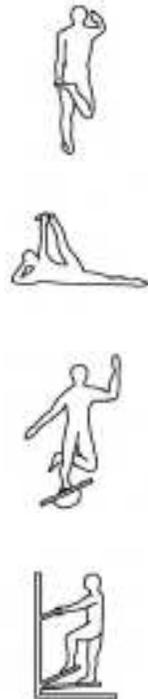
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Strawberry Social

St. James United Church, Sambro, 3811 Old Sambro Rd, will hold a Strawberry Social on Saturday, July 8 from 1 pm to 3 pm. Adult portion \$5; Child portion \$2. There will also be a cake walk and Chinese auction. Everyone Welcome. For information contact Crystal Gilkie, 868-2939.

Fun Day

Ecole Chebucto Heights School will hold a Family Fun Day and Flea Market Saturday June 17 from 10 am to 2 pm. Cake walk, lots of games and prizes Glo Promotions bouncers. Everyone welcome!

Open House

The Department of Natural Resources and the Long Lake Provincial Park Association invite you to a "Planning Open House" to be held on Tuesday, June 27 at the Brookside Junior High cafeteria from 4:30 to 9 pm and on Tuesday, July 11 at the Captain William Spry Community Centre from 4:30 to 9. For further information, contact: Martin Willison at 494-2966 or Alain Godbout at 477-7698.

"My Spryfield" Photo Contest

Calling all shutterbugs, young and old! The Healthy Housing, Healthy Community Project of the Captain William Spry Community Centre Board is organizing a

photography contest all about Spryfield. The contest closes August 30 and winners will be announced during Spryfield Days in September. Images will appear in various local publications and on our website. Drop by the Captain William Spry Community Centre for an official entry form and contest rules, or e-mail sprycentre-board@ns.sympatico.ca.

Going places? Can't get there?

How do transportation choices in Spryfield affect your quality of life? Mark the evening of Wednesday, June 14, on your calendar. From 7 pm to 9 pm at the Community Room at Sobey's, the Healthy Housing, Healthy Community Project (of the Captain William Spry Community Centre Board) is holding a Community Workshop called "Transportation Choices in Spryfield." For more information contact 477-0964 or sprycentre-board@ns.sympatico.ca.

Spry Centre AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Captain William Spry Community Centre Board of Directors will be held June 22, at the Centre. Everyone welcome.

Flea Market

Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Road, will hold a flea market from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday June 22.

Come Grow With Us

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is offering a Saturday morning program for families, children, youth, seniors and others interested in growing food. The program is called Come Grow With Us beginning May 27 at 9:30 am at the Captain William Spry Community Centre (meeting room one). To enroll, or for more information contact Julia at urbanfarming@gmail.com or call Pat at (902) 477-6087 or Martha at (902) 420-1520

Lobster Supper

St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove will hold its Annual Lobster Supper on Saturday, June 17, from 3 to 6 pm. Tickets are sold in advance only. Menu includes

mussels for an appetizer, a choice of Lobster or Scallops or ? lobster and ? scallops, beverage and dessert. Children's meal includes Chicken nuggets or Hotdog, beverage and dessert. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Evelyn at 446-8168 or John at 477-5535.

Historic Walk

Join members of the Mainland South Heritage Society and Urban Farm Museum Society on Saturday June 10 for a walk to Historic Rockingstone. Meet in parking lot of Captain William Spry Centre at 10 am. The walk takes approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Contact Iris Shea, 479-3505, for more information.

United Way "committed to Spryfield"

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community building practices in other areas of Canada. It will broaden the focus of Action to include government, institutions, businesses and other decision makers.

United Way is committed to Spryfield and plans to continue the work of Action beyond the federally funded project duration of 2006. Our partnership with the Community Centre Board of Directors and our desire to maintain constructive relationships with elected officials at the Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels,

the business community and the residents of Spryfield are crucial for the success of this work.

United Way is proud of the strides Action has made in Spryfield. We are grateful to the Chebucto News for the continuous, balanced coverage of the project over the past year. Finally we are thankful to citizens who have become directly involved and will make a difference in this community. When neighbours know neighbours, neighbourhoods are safer, more socially connected and economically active. Catherine J. Woodman, President and CEO United Way Halifax Region

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