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HRM has the final say

People generally in favour of infrastructure but feel costs are high

Herring Cove - The final say is in the hands of Halifax Regional Municipality, but if all goes well, contractors could begin digging to start the first phase of construction toward providing water and sewer to the residents of Herring Cove as early as August.

Nearly 400 area residents gathered to over-

flowing at the Herring Cove Fire Hall this month to hear HRM's and Community Liaison Committee (CLC) approved financial plan to bring the new infrastructure to the community. The meeting was an opportunity for residents to hear final cost estimations for the work and to vote, either nay and yea, to the project.

At the end of the night, which saw a number of residents voice concern over the high price of bringing sewer and water to the community, CLC Communications Chair Bruce Cooke said of the approximate 100 votes cast following the presentation two thirds were in favour of the program. But he cautioned that not all potential votes were tabulated and others would likely be gathered up over the next several days.

Either way, the final say is with the city, and given the end result of the project, a sewage treatment plant for Herring Cove which is considered a component of the Harbour Solutions Project, it is likely an overwhelming majority vote against the project is all that would halt it at this point.

Residents were critical of the costs they are being asked to pay for their part of the project. Consultants CBCL estimated the project would cost \$14.7 million. The city's Harbour Solution Integration Fund will account for \$5 million of the amount, the provincial and federal government combined resources for a \$2 million contribution, leaving residents the remainder, almost \$8 million, to share through a combined frontage charge and per property rate.

Cooke said the blended formula charges include a \$20 per foot charge plus a \$4,700 per property charge for water and a \$10 per foot

plus \$4,600 per property for sewer service. Basically, for a 100 foot long property, residents are being asked to pay \$6,700 for water and \$5,600 for sewer, a total of \$12,300. Properties now being serviced with either or both of water and sewer will not be charged for services already in the ground. As part of the project, the CLC is recommending the community spend \$100,000 to create a playground at Latters Lake and reserve another \$200,000 to maintain and develop as passive recreation about 13 acres of land surrounding the treatment plant.

"Generally speaking," Cooke said, "people were very supportive of providing water and sewer to the community. But people out here felt the project is underfunded and the costs

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About 30 students at Herring Cove Junior High went on a day long fast this month to raise more than \$1,300 for Development and Peace, a third world support organization.

Residents' Association seeking logo input

The Spryfield Residents Association is in need of a logo to represent the organization and the members are appealing to the general public for help.

Chair Sherry Bain told The Chebucto News "we are Spryfield citizens involved in our community. We are concerned about issues that affect Spryfield residents and we would like to develop a logo to promote and identify that fact."

The association is putting what it calls a "Surprise Prize," with an approximate value of \$200, on the line for the winning entry. The logo will also maintain a "place of distinction" on the upcoming Spryfield Residents Association (SRA) website.

Ms. Bain sees the logo and the development of a website as natural advancements in the organizational and administrative growth of the association. "Now that we've been operating for more than a year we are beginning to evolve into a more solid organization with a firmer foundation. This is part of the evolutionary process," she said.

Ms. Bain said all submissions are subject to the contest rules, available at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. All entries will become the property of SRA and must be received no later than May 25, 2005. Entries should be mailed to the Spryfield Residents Association, 10 Kidston Rd., Halifax, B3R 2J7.

People, the environment, business main topics of "community forum"

By Marjorie Willison

The Community Forum hosted by the Board of Directors of the Captain William Spry Community Centre this past month yielded a wealth of information and ideas about "our community."

Three clear strands about people, the environment, and local business came up over and over, and were related time and again to planning and development. Woven through all of the discussions were community values about equity, diversity, inclusiveness, and nature.

Participants included residents from Spryfield, Armdale, Ketch Harbour, Purcell's Cove, Duncan's Cove, Williams Lake, Ferguson's Cove, Herring Cove, Cowie Hill and Halifax; civil servants from the city, the province and the federal government; and members of community groups and organiza-

tions, for a total of fifty-five people.

Folks at the Community Forum valued people for how friendly, down-to-earth, diverse, caring, supportive, and neighbourly they are. They placed considerable value on wild lands, access to nature, environmental sustainability, and outdoor recreation. They appreciated the village character (in reference to Spryfield) while still being close to the city and handy to green space and rural areas, and they valued the contribution that local businesses make to community life.

Participants also said how much they liked the safe feeling of "our community," and they valued unpretentious, modest and diverse housing or, in their words, a 'hodge-podge mix' of housing types and people. This demonstrates their gut feeling for what makes a community healthy, since research shows that dividing people into distinct groups and sorting

them into different neighbourhoods works against community well-being.

People were very clear about what kind of development they want. They appreciated the benefits that development can bring - provided it is good for people and sustains the environment. Community-based plans, better public transit, opportunities for walking, biking and hiking, affordable housing, and wise redevelopment were the messages that came through in the discussions.

They said education, including literacy, is the foundation of local economic development, and they want a wide variety of goods and services to meet their needs within the community - a 'shop local' theme. A vibrant main street that is clean and tidy is essential to the mix and people also said they want equal employ-

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Opportunity came knocking - Dr. Kabongo's answer is Spryfield's gain

By Des Writer
Staff

Opportunity, some say, is a matter of being in the right place at the right time. For Jen-Thadee Muambi-Kabongo the right place was hospital, the place he knew best and where he met the family who steered him towards opportunity.

I meet Jen-Thadee in his office. Sporting a navy blazer, khakis and matching shirt, he's looking relaxed. Well-groomed, with close-cropped hair and an athletic build testifying to his soccer-playing youth, he looks much younger than his 49 years. His unlined features and ready smile offer no clue to the turbulence that's characterized much of his life in the last seven years, since he and his family fled civil war in their native Zaire, formerly known as the Belgian Congo, and came to Canada as refugees.

Better known as "Doctor Jean" to patients and colleagues at Spryfield's Family Medicine Clinic, Kabongo sometimes talks hesitantly, searching for the right word. It's hardly sur-

prising. English is his third language after Ciluba and French, the official language of Zaire. The second of eight children, he attended the Catholic all-boys Sacré Coeur College in his hometown, Kananga, in Kasai province. "Some girls were coming for special instruction in Latin," he says.

Because he too studied Latin, Kabongo took one year of general science, before enrolling in Kinshasa medical school. Graduating six years later, he obtained his MD degree after one year of internship, and became a House Officer in the Presbyterian Church hospital in the Kasai.

After five years, ambition drove him to Brussels, to train as a general surgeon. In 1996, he returned to Presbyterian Hospital with his surgical credentials. "Things are more general in Africa," he says referring to surgery, "because you will be the only surgeon in town." Two years later, rebels from Rwanda-Burundi invaded Zaire, fighting the established government, and civil war overtook the country of some 250 tribes. "It became very dangerous," Kabongo tells me.

Once again, he uprooted his family, fleeing initially to South Africa, then later to Canada in 1998. "I was thinking I could find a place where I can live quietly without the problems we have in Zaire," he says, admitting he was also hoping to find work as a general surgeon.

After a brief stay in Montreal, Kabongo came to Halifax. The family survived on social assistance, and he worked initially as a volunteer in Victoria General Hospital, helping people using walkers or wheelchairs, and later sitting with patients. There he met Kathleen and Stewart Rowan-Legg, whom he cared for subsequently as homecare provider with Comcare. "One thing I found, you would talk to people and they'd want to know where you came from. It was very difficult for them to understand this person was a physician," he says.

Through their connections, the Rowan-Leggs, both of whom passed away in 2000, arranged for him to study in Dalhousie Medical School's Kellogg library. "I was taking care of them; they were taking care of me," he says.

Kathleen bought him reading material, to help him work on his English, and the family supported him through his successive examinations. "It was such a long struggle. We were there every step of the way; we were as happy as he was when he finally got his credentials," says Bedford resident, Susan Rowan-Legg, daughter-in-law of Kathleen and Stewart. "It just seemed like fate that he came into our lives."

Kabongo joined the clinic in July 2004, seven years after arriving in Canada, having worked latterly as Clinical Associate in

Cardiology in the Halifax Infirmary, and taken one final examination enabling him to practice family medicine in Nova Scotia.

His is an all-too-common story. "There is a crucial bottleneck preventing professional newcomers from working in their chosen fields," reports the Globe and Mail. "Foreign doctors have become bricklayers," the April 19 article continues, noting the untimely delays prevalent in assessing professional credentials. Had it not been for the Rowan-Legg family, Kabongo might have found himself in the same situation.

Married to Bertine, who works in Zellers' fashion department, he's father of four children: son, Cedric, 19, and daughters, Etty-Blaise, 16, Jennifer, 12 and Christalle, 7. "They are very happy," he says. "His children were like cousins to mine; he just loves our children as much as we love his," says Rowan-Legg. The two families see one another on a regular basis, she says, and they acknowledge birthdays and holidays. "He's the most kind, gentle, giving person you could wish to meet."

Kabongo considers himself fortunate to work in Spryfield because it's a growing community. Despite his surgical training and cardiology experience, he says he enjoys family practice. "It's always good to see patients several times and build up a relationship," he says.

"Some say opportunity knocks only once. That is not true. Opportunity knocks all the time but you have to be ready for it," said American writer, Louis L'Amour. When opportunity sought him in Victoria General Hospital, Jean Kabongo was ready. And for that, the Spryfield community is thankful.

Children to receive help with cost of sports

More children are about to become team players. Sport Nova Scotia and the Department of Community Services are teaming up to support KidSport, a program that provides funding to low-income families to help children participate in organized sports.

"Community Services' direct connection to many families who would qualify for this kind of assistance will help even more children take part in sports," says David Morse, Minister of Community Services. "This partnership reinforces our commitment to helping children lead healthy and active lives."

In 2004, the province invested \$330,000 in KidSport Nova Scotia to help more children get involved in sports.

As a result of the new partnership, Community Services' staff who work with children and families will be able to send KidSport applications for eligible children directly to Sport Nova Scotia. Families will not have to provide further proof of income to Sport Nova Scotia if the application comes through Community Services.

"We are very excited about our partnership with Community Services," said Jamie Ferguson, CEO, Sport Nova Scotia. "Community Services' involvement means

more children and families will learn about the program. The streamlined application process will help address yet another barrier to participation in sport while ensuring we are supporting the children who need it most."

Application forms will continue to be processed by Sport Nova Scotia and funding will be distributed by that organization.

KidSport will provide up to \$300 per year per child for equipment or registration fees. Recipients must be under 19 years of age. Applications are accepted four times throughout the calendar year.

KidSport Nova Scotia was formed in 1994 to give all children the opportunity to grow, learn and live healthy through sport. Since the program was created, KidSport has allocated more than \$550,000 to children in need. The fund is generated through provincial government contributions, corporate sponsorship, private donations and fundraising.

The local level, KidSport can be accessed, along with HRM Kids, a Halifax Regional Municipality Program to support kids in sports, through Peggy Allen at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. For more information on KidSport, visit www.sportnovascotia.ca.

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Katie says start early, volunteering can be, usually is, fun!

by Betty Dobson
Staff

Teen violence. It isn't everywhere. It isn't in Katie Dauphinee's heart. Like the majority of our teenagers, Katie doesn't fit the image. The J.L. Ilsley High School senior is not noteworthy enough for her volunteer activities in and out of school, she has earned provincial recognition as a recent Volunteer Youth Award winner of the Nova Scotia Recreation Association.

Sheila Lane, Coordinator at Mainland South Teen Centre at J.L., nominated Kate for the award for her work with the centre, which includes two terms as Youth Director on the Advisory Board.

As with most awards, though, Kate still had to step up and make a case for herself. "I had to write a little essay, a little 200-word response to the question 'Before I volunteer my time, I think to myself.'"

Based on her list of volunteer activities, Kate must have to ask herself that question fairly often. "I've been involved with Teen Health since grade ten," Kate says, "and I've done a lot of volunteer work with Youth Action Peer [Education], Heartwood, Tobacco Action, and a whole bunch of things." The list goes on to include HRM Recreation, Kids Help Phone, an annual AIDS walk, and the McIntosh Run community clean-up project.

With such an extensive and diverse activity list, it's little wonder that Kate is a literal ball of energy. But how does a busy high school senior decide where to devote her time? "I don't know," Kate says. "I really just do what comes along. I don't really think about my plans."

Kate's story demonstrates the importance of starting early and building a lifetime habit in the volunteer sector. "I've been volunteering constantly since grade ten, but I did do peer tutoring in grade five," Kate says. "When I was

in grade nine, there was a peer health educator who came to visit us, and I thought, 'Wow, that looks like a lot of fun. I want to do that when I go to J.L.' So then I joined Peer Ed, and Sheila [Lane] said, 'You should do Youth Action.'"

As graduation approaches, Kate is clear on her plans for the future without losing her sense of flexibility. "I think I'm going to go into first-year Bachelor of Science," Kate says, "then apply for nursing second year. I want to be a community nurse, like the coordinator of the Teen Health Centre."

She refers, of course, to Sheila Lane, who helped make Kate's volunteer award possible with a heartfelt letter of nomination. "Katie is incredible at organizing and implementing activities as well as motivating youth to partic-

ipate," Sheila writes. "She has shown a particular passion for environmental issues and has taken the lead with many projects." With such praise, it's little wonder that Kate moved up co-chair the Teen Health Centre Advisory Board this year.

As you might expect from an accomplished volunteer, Kate Dauphinee exudes confidence and humility—two traits that should serve her well in all her future endeavours, both as a nurse and as a volunteer.

With all the news lately about teen violence in the Halifax Regional Municipality, it's refreshing whenever you get to meet a teenager who steps outside that unfortunate image. Kate Dauphinee of Williamswood is just such a teenager.

Deadman's Island to be marked

The graves of more than 300 American prisoners from the war of 1812, including a number of Chesapeake black refugees, who died at the Melville Island prison on the North West Arm will be marked in May.

On May 30 the United States government will erect a marker on Deadman's Island, just south of Purcell's Cove Yacht Club, to mark the deaths of 195 American prisoners and 104 refugees held at the island prison and buried at Deadman's Island.

Prisoners of the War of 1812, historians believe the refugees died from smallpox after fleeing from the United States between 1812 and 1815. They had been quarantined on the island to prevent spread of the disease.

The city bought Deadman's Island in 2000 to protect the burial ground from being developed as a condominium site. A number of American history groups began campaigning to have the site marked.



Williamswood teenager Katie Dauphinee was awarded a Provincial Volunteer Award by the Recreation Association of Nova Scotia. Katie accepted the award from Lieutenant Governor Myra Freeman, the Honourable Jamie Muir and the Honourable Rodney MacDonald.

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by Iris V. Shea, Historian
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The growth and development of Spryfield and surrounding area was dictated by what was happening in nearby Halifax. During the last half of the 18th century, Spryfield was a destination for early Halifax settlers.

1749: Colonel Edward Cornwallis arrived in Halifax with 13 transport ships that carried

al German foreign Protestants. Until the name "Spryfield" became accepted (during the 1780s) the term "beyond the Northwest Arm" was used to describe this area. Nine adjacent 500-acre lots, numbered one to nine, were located on both sides of the Herring Cove Road (from present day Dentith Road south to a point just beyond Chambers Hill), and extended west to Sprucehill Lake and Henry Lake in Harrietsfield. The combined lots were referred to as Leiblin Manor, named for one of the grantees, Henry Leiblin. Until about 1900 the area from Dentith Road to Cowie Hill was not considered part of Spryfield and appeared in

he was granted 60 acres (where Northwest Arm Drive meets the Old Sambro Road) and used it as a woodlot.

When Captain Spry advertised his Spryfield farm for sale in 1780 and again in 1783, there were 50 to 60 acres of cleared land, two large barns, a mansion and other dwellings, a garden with all sorts of grafted fruit trees, a stable, a number of outhouses, and 30 head of cattle leased to Jacob Bauer for seven years. During his stay in Halifax Spry and his wife, Mary, lived on Granville Street and attended St. Paul's Church where their six children were baptized. Spry returned to London, England, in 1783 where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant General before his death in 1802 at the age of 67 years.

1784-1800: George McIntosh acquired all of Spryfield and part of Harrietsfield. A native of "North Britain," McIntosh played an important role in the development of

Spryfield as a farming community. In 1784 he paid £1200 for all of Captain Spry's land and premises, and by 1790 had acquired all of the remaining 500-acre lots in Leiblin Manor, as well as the lots along the western side of the Northwest Arm that we now know as Boulderwood, Jollimore and part of Fleming Park. He took up residence in Spry's "mansion house" and in 1799 built a grist mill on the stream that flows from the foot of William's Lake to the North West Arm. McIntosh Run, the stream system that flows from the foot of Long Lake to Herring Cove, was named for him.

The photograph, taken about 1920, represents the Rockingstone, a remnant of the receding glaciers thousands of years ago. Located on Captain William Spry's lot number four in Leiblin Manor, the Rockingstone was reported by Canadian Geological Survey to weigh 450 tons and is 100 feet in circumference.



Photo of Rockingstone, ca. 1920.

an estimated 2500 settlers from London, England, and parts of Europe. As an enticement, the British Government promised free land, and rations for a year which drew a number of unsuitable settlers in addition to tradesmen, merchants and gentlemen. New Englanders soon began to arrive, attracted by commercial opportunities and the lucrative fishing grounds around Halifax.

1750-1752: The British Government sent agents to Europe to recruit hard working men and their families to settle in Nova Scotia. About 2700 Europeans, mainly French and German speaking Lutherans (referred to by historians as foreign Protestants) arrived in Halifax during this time. During their short stay in Halifax they helped clear land and build wooden structures to be used as forts and military barracks, part of the agreement made for their passage to Nova Scotia. The new settlers were transported to Lunenburg in 1753 where they were given land and free rations until they became self-sufficient. The few who could afford to pay their own passage soon realized that Lunenburg was not the place to be, and quickly set about establishing themselves as entrepreneurs in Halifax. This small group of German businessmen soon began to look for land "beyond the Northwest Arm."

1766: Land in the area of present day Spryfield was surveyed and granted to sever-

records as part of the "North West Arm" District.

Henry Leiblin owned a bakery and a spruce beer brewery in Halifax, and used his 500 acres as a woodlot. Among the remaining landowners were a printer, a cordwainer (shoemaker), a farmer, and several bakers. All lived and owned businesses in Halifax and kept their lots for a very short time (accessibility to the land was no doubt a deterrent).

1769-1783: The next phase in the development of Spryfield took place with the arrival of Captain William Spry, a British military engineer and chief engineer for the province, who purchased lots number three, four and five of Leiblin Manor from the original grantees. Spry received a grant of the adjoining 80 acres which today would extend from Dentith Road to Punch Bowl Drive, and over to Williams' Lake. He employed soldiers under his command to clear a road suitable for carriages to travel from the head of the Arm, up over Cowie's hill, to his farm in Spryfield. Land documents referred to Spry's farm and Spry's fields and, through common usage, the name Spryfield evolved.

It was not long before other Halifax businessmen began to show an interest in the area. George Merlin, another foreign Protestant from Germany, owned a tannery in the south end of Halifax. During the 1770s



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Gardner takes Ministry at Cornerstone

By Sandra MacLean
Staff

Wayne Gardner arrived in Spryfield just nine weeks ago to take up his new position at the eighteen month old Cornerstone Centre.

A native Newfoundlander, Gardner made the move in order to be closer to his family, and is pleased to be back east after fifteen years in Ontario and on the west coast. Soon to be joined by his wife and three children, Hannah, McKenzie and Jacob, Wayne is busy settling into the new community and new job.

As a complete newcomer to the Halifax area, his first challenge is to build relationships, get to know the people and let the people get to know him. He feels right at home with what he describes as the east coast attitude, "people appreciate things, they don't take things for granted, and they live a humble lifestyle."

He's already put out his first issue of the Cornerstone Newsletter, delivered a questionnaire around the neighbourhood and developed a PowerPoint presentation to tell other organizations about the Centre. But Gardner wants to learn as much as he can about the community and services that are already here and he says, "the Multi Services round table has been really helpful."

He plans to spend the summer finding out what people would like to see offered at Cornerstone. He's open to any ideas and likes to try new programs to see how they go. He is

keen to work on programs for next fall and is enthusiastic as he talks about a local chef who volunteered some time to run a cooking program.

From his experiences in various positions with the Salvation Army Gardner has gained lots of ideas for new and different programs for this community, but first he wants to find out what people here want. Cornerstone Family Resource Centre, in the Greystone area

services they need. They didn't want to duplicate programs already available but intended to increase awareness of all the services that are out there, and fill gaps with programs of their own. The Centre is not a church although it does offer some counselling and pastoral care. Planners also saw a need for more space to hold programs in the community, both their own programs and those of other organizations who don't have enough space.

They decided to put the Centre in a residential building so people would feel more at home than in a government-style building. Created from two modified townhouses, the Centre has two kitchens, a living room and meeting rooms with home-style furniture making it a comfortable place for programs like a coffee house, cooking classes, craft programs, music and social get-togethers.

Another good reason to drop by the Centre soon is to learn about the different summer camps for all ages and interests offered by various community groups, and pick up the applications. Cornerstone Centre also arranges free help with income taxes and free legal advice by appointment.

A four week quit smoking program gets underway early in May. Contact Wayne Gardner at the Centre about these and other programs as well as with ideas for new programs. Centre open hours are from 10am to 4pm daily from Monday to Friday and at other times for various programs. Call 475-1763 to find out more.



Wayne Gardner behind his desk, settling in to the community.

"up on the Hill," is meant to serve the whole community of Spryfield, he says.

The Spryfield Salvation Army started Cornerstone Family (Resource) Centre as an outreach centre to help people link to whatever



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ment opportunities for all kinds of people, including those with special needs, and they believe that our area holds rich potential as a tourist destination if development and environment are woven together properly.

There was a strong plea during the discussions for more community engagement, people becoming more involved, everyone contributing to community life, people knowing what is going on, and that communities around the "Loop" are connected and supportive of each other. Participants also wanted more places for people to go and do things, more activities for all ages, and more community events and celebrations. As to leadership, they expect adults to be role models for youths.

When asked, "what can we all do to make our community a better place for all," they spoke about four different levels. They believe that individuals should lead by example, speak up, and participate; that the community should include newcomers and celebrate community; and that governments should work together and be accountable. The fourth level, the Board of Directors of the Captain Spry Community Centre, were told they should advocate, engage the community, facilitate communication, coordinate, nurture leadership, and garner resources.

Those at the Community Forum made it clear that, with so much change and development on the horizon, the need for citizen engagement and community coordination on a wide range of issues is greater than ever. Participants, in their evaluations of the Forum, also said how much they appreciated the

opportunity to talk, and asked for more of the same in the future.

Once printed, the full report of the Community Forum will be available at the Community Development Office in the Community Centre, and in the Captain Spry Public Library. The Board will use the community input to help make its plans for the future. They will present their plans to the community and ask for feedback at their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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are too high." Cooke said history shows that under normal circumstances, for these types of projects, the city, the province and the federal governments all share the cost on an equal basis with the city's portion being attributed to frontage charges being paid by residents. At this point, he said, local residents are being asked to pay about 85% of the costs.

But Cooke says the CLC has not given up its push for more funding from governments. The CLC had already scheduled a meeting with Halifax MP Alexa McDonough to seek support for more federal funding and there are plans to pursue members of the provincial government, including Halifax Atlantic MLA Michele Raymond to assistance in gaining a larger contribution from the provincial government.

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The Quarter-Notes - Singing for fun, and for their loyal audience

By Des Writer
Staff

Not even Paul Martin's address to the nation deterred an enthusiastic and loyal audience from turning out to the Captain William Spry Community Centre on April 22 to hear the "Quarter-Note Singers" perform in their second annual concert.

Under the direction of soprano, Dot Roberts, "I was born in Wales where you sing when you're born," and with accompanist H. Allan Fraser, the small chorale of seven women and two men entertained with an eclectic mix of Broadway show tunes, traditional songs, and popular hits. For the first time, the show featured solos from four of the members: "Blowin' in the Wind," sung by tenor Chris Voysey; "Cockles and Mussels," by Dot Roberts; "Fire and Rain," by alto, Mary Jo Mackintosh, and "We'll Sing in the Sunshine," featuring Marjorie Willison.

Making music can be challenging. And it can be fun. But sometimes the challenge takes the fun out of it. That's what Roberts felt just over a year ago when she dreamed of starting a new singing group with the idea of having fun. "I wasn't getting anywhere in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society," she says. When she mentioned it to her friend, Mary Jo, they decided to put an advertisement in a local newspaper. It read, "Singers wanted." Soon, others joined them and the Quarter-Note Singers were born.

Soprano, Kathy Comeau, joined the group because she loves to sing. She used to sing with Dalhousie Chorale and the Nova Scotia Tattoo Choir, but felt it was too much pressure. "When I joined Quarter-Note singers, it was

just a fun time. Nobody's telling you you're not doing that right," she says.

"I sang bass once," says alto, Anne Boudreau, onetime member of The Codiac Chords, a women's barbershop group in Moncton, and the Scotianaires. She found barbershop singing too regimented, more costly and demanding on her time. But she wanted to be involved in music. "I just missed singing," she says. "I like the camaraderie; you meet new people."

"I'm the rookie here, despite my age," says 68 year-old baritone, Phil Macdonald. "I've never been a member of a choir," he says, adding that he enjoys singing and the group's camaraderie. "Most of the songs we're singing are catchy little tunes."

The youngest member of the group, "in age only," Voysey, has no previous choral experience, but wanted to "get out and do something."

"They're light, they're fun," says Mackintosh, referring to the songs in their repertoire. Along with the Broadway tunes and traditional songs, they sing hits from the seventies and some Gilbert and Sullivan. "We don't really do a cappella," she says. "But we're going to get it; I think it adds to the choir," says alto, Gerry Mitchell, one of the original members, who sang with Northwood Players, the Vimy Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and directed the Golden Age

Singers for some 18 months. "I love music," she says. She joined the group having heard about them through a friend. "She didn't stay and I did."

Willison joined the group for their 2004 Christmas Social, when they performed a mix

Preferring to call their performances "social evenings," the Quarter-Notes decorate small tables, around which audience members sit cafeteria style. Admission is free, although donations are encouraged, and the singers even provide "goodies" during the intermission.

Performing is an expensive business and, among other expenses, and their donation to the Community Centre, the group is obligated to pay royalties to SOCAN, the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada. "It all adds up," says Roberts. In January, 2005, they raffled a quilt, and tickets are now on sale for their December 15 raffle of Dot Roberts's painting, "A view from Wyndrock Drive."

Ranging in age and musical ability, the Quarter-Notes are happy to welcome new members who simply enjoy singing. "We decided to make it inclusive for everyone; we're not trying to be professional," says Mackintosh.

Some members read music, others don't, but they all have a good musical ear.

As the April 22 social drew to a close, Roberts introduced the Quarter-Note Singers' new director, local resident Steven Trussone, to the audience. The singers presented her with a book of folk songs from England, Ireland, Scotland, and her native country, Wales. Born singing, and still having lots of fun, she's anxious to introduce some of them to their loyal following in the next social.



The Quarternote Singers sing for fun and only enough money to pay expenses and have a good time doing it. Members of the group include Dot Roberts (director), Allan Fraser (piano), Terri Durling, Kathy Comeau, Mary Jo Mackintosh, Gerry Mitchell, Anne Boudreau, Phil Macdonald and Chris Voysey, (Hidden - Marjorie Willison).

of Christmas carols, hymns and traditional melodies. She says she enjoys the camaraderie and the pleasure of learning new songs. There's no doubt they're having fun. "We like to laugh a lot," says Boudreau, and Mitchell quips "I keep them going." "We missed you when you were gone," says Mackintosh. "Could we have a drum roll?" asks Mitchell, mother of eight and grandmother to 15, and the group's "senior" member. "And proud of it," she says.

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Lions Club improving Third World vision

The Spryfield Lions Club will be part of a world wide Lions International sponsorship program to help improve vision problems among the people of third world countries, Recycle For Sight Chairman Bill Salterio says.

Between May 7 and 21 the local club will be collecting donated unused and "not-longer-serviceable" eyeglasses from citizens. The eyeglasses will be sent forward to third world countries where they will be cleaned, adjusted, calibrated and given to people who otherwise would not have access to corrective vision programs.

The program is part of the Medical Missions International, the world's largest short-term volunteer Christian organization. Once gathered, Ophthalmologists and

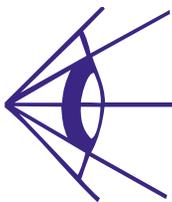
Optometrists will distribute the glasses to needy patients after each has been screened, tested and treated for disease or infection.

Last year, the local Lions club gathered almost 3,000 pairs of unused glasses, frames and cases said Salterio. "Eventually our personal glasses become outdated and of little value to us as individuals," he said, suggesting this is one way to dispose of the items without feeling that they have gone to waste.

This year, the eyeglass collection boxes will be placed at the Real Atlantic Superstore, Crowell's Pharmasave, Shoppers Drug Mart, Sobeys, Lumbermart, the Captain William Spry Community Centre, Coates Irving in Harrietsfield and at the Lions Bingo Hall.



The Spryfield Lions Club is collecting glasses to help third world country citizens with eye problems. One of the collection spots is Steve Coates Irving in Harrietsfield. King Lion Rene Quigley and Project Chair Lion Bill Salterio, got a warm welcome from Steve when he accepted the concept.



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McDonough presses for water, sewer funding in Commons

By Alexa McDonough
Halifax MP

While the sponsorship scandal and election speculation top the nightly news, Canadians hear almost nothing about the issues that actually affect their day-to-day lives: high education costs, job insecurity, credit card medicine, ecosystems in crisis, dirty air, infrastructure needs, insufficient international aid.... the list goes on and on.

Cynics could easily conclude that this Parliament has stopped working. But behind the scenes, I along with my New Democratic colleagues are busy pushing Parliament to carry out the progressive agenda most Canadians want.

Nova Scotians are outraged by the new revelations flowing out of the "Liberal ad scam" inquiry.

As I write, the government is paralyzed by the federal Liberals' complete pre-occupation with deflecting any responsibility for the millions of dollars destined for sponsorship programs that found their way into pockets of

Liberal friends, and some allege, into the coffers of the Liberal Party of Canada. It is alleged that the Liberal-connected firm, Groupaction, secretly diverted some \$1.1 million to the Liberals' Quebec wing between 1996 and 2000; defrayed over \$256,000 in Liberal expenses by "hiring" Liberal staff at the urging of party brass; masked payments to the Liberals using fictitious invoices and improper accounting; was told to make at least three secret payments of \$5,000 to a man he knew only as "Mr. Wiseman"; and made \$60-million from the federal sponsorship program. This is from one testimony at the inquiry. Much more testimony will follow, with Justice Gomery's final report expected this fall.

Can this tired Liberal group sustain its moral authority to govern? That's for the Canadian people to decide. NDP leader Jack Layton will not play political games to force an early election Canadians don't want. He will be consulting Canadians from coast to coast.

But if this government does fall, we are ready to fight on the issues that matter most to

ordinary people. I have taken the liberty of sharing with you two of my recent remarks in the House of Commons that may be of interest to you.

On healthcare I told the Commons "I entered federal politics because I worried about the mess that the Liberals would create and now I am bloody well fed up with the Prime Minister's refusal to clean up the mess that they have created. The contempt for Parliament is unspeakable. What will it take for the Prime Minister to be accountable to this Parliament and to Canadians? I led my party through two elections with Liberals insisting that they alone could stop health privatization. Klein's private hospitals are still open and privatization is on the increase from

British Columbia through to Nova Scotia. All the health minister can say is "watch me stop it." The Liberals continue to feign opposition to privatization while they watch it spread. Why would Canadians believe them now?"

On the infrastructure needs of Herring Cove Residents I told the Commons that "Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Infrastructure and Communities. Before gutting infrastructure funding the federal government contributed customarily one-third of water and sewer infrastructure costs. Today Herring Cove residents in my riding face prohibitive costs for long awaited services because the federal government has reduced its contribution to less than one-sixth of the cost.

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Summer brings renewed police emphasis to communities

By Linda Mosher,
District 17 Councillor

Spring has finally arrived. With the warm weather often comes the unfortunate issues of speeding, loud vehicles and criminal activity in our parks. The Halifax Regional Police (HRP) will be very active in our area over the coming months addressing concerns residents bring forward. You will see check points set up throughout the West division, which includes District 17. The check points will focus on traffic safety.

The HRP will be searching for stolen vehicles or vehicles that are not suitable for being on the roadway. The road blocks are a combined effort with the Traffic Compliance Branch of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Types of offences that will be dealt with are traffic violations, drivers with suspended licenses, and out of date safety inspections. They will also be addressing vehicles with illegal, after market exhausts. These vehicles are very loud and cause considerable noise problems for residents in our communities. These check points will be in the West division no less than once per month.

The speed trailers will also be out in our district again to help combat speeding. Some residents have commented that this trailer is no replacement for radar guns, or that if a driver sees the trailer, they will slow down and the speeds would not be accurately recorded. In actuality, these trailers are a very effective resource for the police. The machine is placed in an area and it records all speeds and the exact time of day in which speeding occurred. If you can see the trailer, your speed has already been recorded. The police officers obtain a print out with all relevant data to assist them in determining if speeding is a problem, and specific times of day when speeding occurs.

Rather than having an officer sitting in a squad car waiting for several hours for speeders, he or she can go to the area at the time when speeding usually occurs. In order to ensure that these speeds were accurate, HRM's Traffic Authority put out the hoses to measure traffic and speeds on some of the same roads that the police recorded data. The speeds results were all within one or two kms. The speed trailer is an effective use of resources to

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MLA seeks your input on provincial budget

By *Graham Steele*
Halifax Fairview MLA

The provincial budget was delivered last Tuesday. Finance Minister Peter Christie laid out the government's plans for taking and spending \$6 billion of your money.

Traditionally, the budget is the most important document to come before the Legislature. It dictates the shape of health care, education, the social safety net, roads, the environment and every other aspect of provincial affairs.

The budget is also important because it could be the trigger for an election. If the budget is defeated, the government has no choice but to call an election immediately. In the Legislature there are more Opposition members than government members, so defeat of a budget is a real possibility.

The budget is important, but it's also tremendously complex. We get three books of detail, including budgets and plans for every department and unit of government. It's important, it's complex, yet I get only one vote on the whole budget: Yes to the whole thing, or No to the whole thing.

How do you think I should vote? Yes or no?

As your representative in the Legislature, I believe my job is to determine whether this budget represents a better deal for you and your family. You have told me that you need a break. You would like to see HST taken off home heating oil and other family essentials. You would like to see college students and their families get a break on tuition. You would like to see more resources in the classroom for

our children. You would like to see recognition of your and your family's struggle to get by. I can do my job best when I hear from you.

Does this budget represent a better deal for you and your family? Why or why not? Do you need more information about the budget?

We also have to take frank account of the fact that we are on the verge of a federal election. It looks like we'll be heading to the polls in late June or early July, with campaigning

throughout late May and June. If that happens, it is hard to see the advantage of triggering a provincial election at almost exactly the same time.

I am not suggesting that the federal sponsorship scandal, and the election it will trigger, is a reason to support a bad provincial budget. If the provincial budget does not represent a better deal for you and your family, I must vote against it. But at a time when the federal

government is so uncertain and unstable, there is a value in maintaining stability on the provincial level.

On April 24th, I was honoured to be the mover of Alexa McDonough's nomination as NDP candidate for Halifax. Alexa has served the people of Halifax well as Member of Parliament since 1997. Long may she continue to serve.

HRM, CLC answers sewer and water questions at public meeting

By *Stephen Adams*
Councillor District 18

On April 20 the Herring Cove Community Liaison Committee (CLC) hosted a public meeting to hear a presentation from HRM staff regarding the extension of sewer and water to the community. Charles Lloyd, an engineer with HRM, outlined the process, the costs and general information. Mr. Lloyd has worked tirelessly to bring the project to fruition. His efforts will not go unnoticed.

For those who were unable to attend I will summarize the main points raised. First and foremost the timeline was the most sought after piece of information. Presently construction on the first phase is to begin in the summer and end during the first week of December. If HRM staff is able to resolve some property issues, then the second and third phases may also be completed. This timeline is critical in that if the first phase is not completed during this construction season, just over \$2 million in infrastructure money will be

lost. This alone is a great incentive for us to proceed.

Frontage charges are estimated to be approximately \$120 per foot of frontage regardless if you choose to hook-up or not. If a sewer pipe is already running in front of your property you will only be charged for the water.

The water tower location, as recommended by the CLC, will be beyond the end of Oceanbreeze Drive. The rationale behind this is that it is approximately \$459 thousand dollars less expensive than the proposed site new the fire hall. The CLC has also recommended that \$100,000 be set aside to enhance the

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Water quality, quantity, need protection

By *Michele Raymond*
Halifax Atlantic MLA

When it's raining in Nova Scotia in spring, and rivers and marshes are overflowing their banks, over roads and into basements, it's hard to imagine our water could ever be threatened here. But much of our water is in danger here in Halifax Atlantic, along the coast, and inland.

Our coast is pitted with tiny, narrow fjords and bays, and those have been home to many of our families here for generations, primarily supporting the fisheries. Now, however, with a downturn in fish stocks, much of the coastline is being abandoned as fishing centres, and becoming desirable residential land. The areas closest to the major population centre (Halifax) are the most expensive, and some recent purchasers have taken to extending their property by infilling, dumping fill and rock into the water. Narrow harbours become narrower, and navigation yet more difficult, or even impossible. The changed coastline leaves little room for life in the intertidal zone, shellfish and seaweeds, particularly, and means casual walkers have no way to cross below the highwater mark.

It's important to realize that infill is different from wharf construction; it's permanent, and nearly indestructible. When landowners decide to expand their properties in this way,

they are required to seek permission from the federal Department of Transportation (Coast Guard: Navigable Waters Protection Branch), and from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (fish habitat). They may also need permissions from the provincial Department of Natural Resources, and subdivision and or building permits from the municipality.

Sadly, these agencies aren't coordinating their efforts. In the meantime, there is a jurisdictional void, which some landowners are hastening to fill- with rock and concrete, and without permission. This is becoming a problem at the Northwest Arm, and further along the coast.

Freshwater poses its own set of challenges. Halifax Atlantic is largely composed of fractured granite bedrock. The water table lies in pockets, and not far below the surface. Any contamination quickly finds its way into the watertable (ie local wells), and into lakes, streams and wetlands. This can pose a significant danger to all of us living here. Contamination may come from the ground itself, from storm water discharged from storm sewers, or simply from rain washing pollutants off the land.

This problem is made worse by the fact that in HRM we do not yet have a bylaw specifying setbacks from watercourses.

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recreation area at the hall and another \$200,000 be used to integrate the plant into the proposed site.

Issues of blasting were raised and we were not as prepared to answer these as we should have been. Questions were asked with respect to liability if existing wells and other infrastructure become damaged as a result of blasting. The issue will be clarified before we proceed.

Funding sources were also discussed at length. HRM has contributed \$5 million while the federal and provincial governments contributed a combined \$2 million. In projects that have federal and provincial contributions, the rule of thumb suggests equal contributions. Clearly, this project is not near what we consider acceptable. During this meeting, I handed out a petition asking ur federal and provincial representatives to give us additional assistance.

Although the issue of private road servic-

ing was not discussed, the CLC has recommended that they not be included. However, some of these roads may be able to be serviced based on distance, bedrock etc. We will explore these on a one by one basis.

As we proceed with this process, it must be made perfectly clear that the CLC will make recommendations to staff with input from the community. Staff will then develop a report and bring forward a recommendation to Council. Ultimately Council will make the final decision based on the preceding information and the results of the public hearing.

It has been a month or so since the Regional Police have assumed responsibility for law enforcement on the Sambro Loop. I am sure that you have seen a greater presence and

greater visibility during this period of time. Since amalgamation, I have heard complaints regarding speeding and ATVs in the area and finally these issues are being addressed on a consistent basis. However, I have had some complaints because of too much policing. I must say that in 13 plus years on Council, I have never heard of this type of complaint, and I hope to hear more.

In closing I will bring you up-to-date on the Sambro Loop transit. As you may or may not have seen, ballots were sent to gauge the interest in transit. However, some residents, for one reason or another, did not get a ballot. We are investigating this situation and well do whatever possible to ensure everyone has a say. And if you live in Herring Cove you were sent a ballot in error. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. We are looking into this as well.

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manage enforcement on the highest ratio of offenders.

HRP will also be targeting the areas that historically have speeding issues. A specific action plan is implemented to continue to work on resolving these problems. HRP will also conduct special, large operations, such as Operation School Zone that we had last year.

The Halifax Regional Police and HRM's Traffic Authority now meet on a regular basis to go over complaints and issues that have been brought forward by residents, such as crosswalks and signage. They assess these issues and determine what can be done to resolve them. Previously Traffic and the Police worked separately according to their jurisdiction; by partnering we should see more positive outcomes.

Another issue the arises with the warmer weather is that graffiti starts

to become visible. The police have also partnered with the Community Response Team to address the graffiti issue. Any graffiti that is reported is photographed prior to its removal. When an offender is caught, then he or she can be charged for other graffiti crimes that are associated with their unique "tag." If any resident sees a crime of graffiti in progress, please contact the Police non-emergency at 490-5020. If the crime is not in progress, but you would like to report it for removal, please call 490-4000.

Lastly, the Police will start their aggressive enforcement of parks in our area. They will go to areas such as Chocolate Lake Beach and Sir Sandford Fleming Park early in the season. Their main message is to let any would be vandals know that the police will not tolerate any criminal activity. As well, this year we will have some bicycle patrols in our parks.

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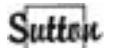
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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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FEENER, Helen Lucy "Nana Banana," 90, Spryfield, passed away in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Justice and Udabelle (Young) (Goldsmith) Young. She was a great seamstress and chef. She was loved dearly by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. Surviving are her sister, Rita Stevens, Enfield; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Harris Feener; son, George; daughter, Dorothy; brothers, Gordon, Bobby and Lawrence; sisters, Gertrude, Patricia, Myrtle and Pearl Interment was in Fairview Lawn Cemetery, Halifax.

GRAY, Gerald William - Born 1927 in Sambro Basin, passed away April 6, 2005. Gerald had worked in Brenton Gray's Boat Yard for 24 years. He is survived by his companion, Evelyn Cox and several stepchildren. He was predeceased by

his wife, Jacqueline (Hilleson) Gray; brothers, Vernon, Maurice, and Laurence; sisters, Mona Gilkie, Madeline Smith, Lorena Miller, Dalphine Nickerson, and Eileen Hart.

ST. PETER, Wilfred Lawrence, 87, Halifax, passed away peacefully in the VG Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in Amherst, he was a son of the late Frederick and Mary Belle (Arsenault) St. Peter. For many years he worked as a stevedore. He was a peaceful and kind man, who was a good friend to many. Wilfred will be remembered for his generosity to others, especially sharing his chocolate bars. He will be sadly missed by a very special friend, Tony Elia and his wife Marcelle of Herring Cove, as well as their children, Joey, Tonya and D.J., who so dearly loved him like a grandfather. He is also survived by cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, sister, Mary, and brother, Leon. Interment will be in Amherst.

ARTHUR, Roy Edward "Mike," 82, Spryfield, son of the late Roy B. and Edith I. (Newland) died in Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building, QEII, Halifax. Roy was born in Halifax and was a veteran of the Second World War, serving last as Private as a motorcycle messenger. A pipefitter by trade, Roy soldiered for union rights and became the union business agent for Local 56. Roy had two loves, singing and helping others. Roy was active for many years in the Vimy Choir and Golden Age Club Choir, and was often asked to sing at dances. Anyone who knew Roy was probably helped by him at some point in their life. He dedicated many hours to the executive of the Legion, UA Benefit Committee, Poppy Fund Drive, various charities, and the various labour related tasks required to keep his beloved Vimy Legion functioning the way he thought it should. For over 40 years he gave his time to the veterans, visiting the hospitalized and helping to initiate the organized Legion visits for veterans through the Walter Callow buses. Roy will be remembered by his sons, David (Bev), Edmonton, Alta.; Tony (Jan), Wellington, and Mike (Lori), Halifax; brother, Matt (Kathleen) Arthur, Halifax; sister, Daisy (Mrs. Lloyd Slaunwhite), Dartmouth; grandchildren, Ian, Shaunessey, Becky, Gena, Aaron, Adam, Nick, and Simon and Nick; several great-grandchildren and several cousins; nieces and nephews, especially George, who was like a fourth son to Roy. He will also be sadly missed by friend and caregiver, Judy Connolly, who so diligently cared for Roy over the last two years. He was predeceased by his parents, daughter, Bernice Taylor (Britain); brother, Jim; sisters, Edna and Gerty.

BROWN, Charlie Seymour, 77, Halifax, passed away in the VG Site QEII, with all his family by his side. Born in Halifax on December 25, 1927,

he was a son of the late Charles Seymour Sr. and Christina May (Richards) Brown. He was predeceased by brothers, Wallace and Walter, and sister, Edith. He is survived by his sister, Marjorie Campagna. No visitation or flowers by request. Cremation has taken place. Private graveside service was held in Herring Cove Anglican Cemetery.

HALLETT, Dorothy May Irene, 80, wife of the late Frank William Hallett, River Road, Halifax, passed away. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late William and May (Dempsey) Drysdale. She is survived by sons, Jeep (Heather) Hallett, Halifax; Robert (Cathy) Hallett, Sackville, and Frank Jr. (Susan), Toronto; daughters, Geroldine (Jack) MacDonald, Armdale; Donna Askev, Spryfield; Carolyn (Art) Benoit, Whites Lake; Frankie Bennett, Fairview; Deborah (Steve) Steeves, Stewiacke; Valerie (Steve) Cameron, Dartmouth, and Diana-Leigh Hallett, Dartmouth; brothers, Bill and Allison "Cookie;" sisters, "Sis," Ruth, Rita, and Donna; 29 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Frank, and sister, Elizabeth "Bub." Interment has taken place in Fairview Cemetery.

HINDLE, Douglas Wayne, 57, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. He was raised in Port Colborne, Ont., the son of the late Morley and Marjorie Hindle. He grew up in this loving family with his sister, Karen, before embarking on a military career with the Canadian Navy that spanned 35 years. Doug will be sadly missed and remembered by his wife of 34 years, Linda (Hartung); son, Peter (Christina), Chester Basin; daughter, Suzann (Paul), Ballina, Ireland; sister, Karen, Prince Albert, Sask. He will also be missed and remembered by all extended family, Richard (Marilyn) Hartung, Wellesley, Ont.; Doug (Shirley) Hartung, Kitchener, Ont.; and nephews and by numerous friends and relatives. He was very involved in the Emmanuel Anglican Church in Spryfield, as the church's warden and in many aspects of church life. He showed that same devotion to duty and service through his involvement with the Masonic Lodge of St. Marks No. 38, serving as their local and regional secretary. When he wasn't helping others or working on various committees Doug was an avid reader and enjoyed spending many years with family and friends at their cottage in Hubbards.

JOHNSON, Margaret Mary, 70, Cabot Street, Halifax, wife of Willard J. Johnson, passed away in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Newfoundland, she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Rita Mary (Myles) McCarthy. For many years, Margaret had been employed with Terminal Road Building and Cleaning. She will be fondly remembered for her love and dedication to her knitting and crocheting. She is survived by her husband, Willard "Wick;" sons, Johnny (Liz) Miles, Waterloo; Trevor (Sherry) Miles, Lake Charlotte; Daniel and Billy Miles, Toronto; Bobby Miles, Halifax; daughters, Rebecca Miles, Highfield Park; Diana (Robert) Bennett, Cole Harbour; Darlene Miles (Dean), Beaver Bank; stepsons, Joseph (Charlene) Johnson, Hammonds Plains; James (Carla), Mount Uniacke; Wayne Johnson, Spryfield; Robert Johnson, Highfield Park; stepdaughters, Debbie (Charlie) Wamback and Brenda (James) Williams, both of Sackville; Margaret Johnson, Dartmouth; brothers, Clarence, Austin and John McCarthy; sisters, Jean and Madeline; 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by son, Derek; brothers, Bill, Mike, Dan; sisters, Bridget and Sheila.

McDonough presses for water, sewer funding in Commons

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Will the minister agree to get beyond the rhetoric and ensure concretely that Herring Cove residents will finally get their service and water at a cost they can afford?

Honourable John Godfrey, Minister of State, Infrastructure and Communities, replied: "Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased to look at the situation of Herring Cove, a community I actu-

ally know reasonably well. I can state that the policy of our existing infrastructure programs is one-third, one-third, one-third and the good news is that the policy for our new gas tax programs that we launched, the first one in British Columbia last Friday, is 100% federal money, but I will certainly look into the question raised by the Honourable member for Halifax.

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Some advice to help face the rigors of pet flea season

Once again the season of fleas is fast approaching and for those pet owners who have had a flea free winter, it is time to prepare for the arrival of these major parasites. Radical changes have occurred in the way we approach the treatment of fleas in the last ten years. Prior to that time, veterinarians would treat an animal presented to the veterinary clinic with flea allergy dermatitis or FAD, with a barrage of indoor and outdoor insecticidal premise chemicals usually in the form of sprays or foggers, combined with a hefty load of steroids, antibiotics and insecticides for the pet itself. Pet owners would often leave the clinic experiencing a variety of negative emotions. Naturally, people would feel discouraged at the overall price tag of the expedition - often in the hundreds of dollars. As well, owners would experience a fair amount of guilt for not realizing sooner that Spot had so many fleas and for not knowing that he would eventually

end tearing his fur out and licking himself to the point he was raw and infected. In addition, there was the daunting thought that despite all this, the battle was not over yet and he had to face the fact that he was going to go home and vacuum and spray his entire house, spray his yard and then treat the dog. Yikes!

Fortunately, the arrival of a combination of new insecticides has changed the way veterinarians deal with fleas entirely. No longer waiting to treat the pets infested by fleas, our goal is to prevent these flea infestations in the first place. Veterinarians are now able to provide Insect Growth Regulators (IGRs), which are products that act by interfering with insects' development and therefore are essentially birth control products for fleas. IGR products such as "Program" are highly desirable for safety and are available in oral forms for dogs and cats as a once monthly treatment. This product is now even available in a single

dose injectable form for cats only that will provide flea protection for 6 months. Other forms of IGRs are available in collar form from veterinarians as well. For pets that present with fleas, new types of adulticides are available in the form of topical spot on products that are applied at home to the pets' skin once monthly. These products are often combined with the IGRs for a total or integrated approach to flea control.

The ease and simplicity of these products is hard to beat. However, it cannot be overemphasized that the proper usage of any flea control product is important to its success rate. Ideally, pets should begin taking the oral IGRs well before the flea season is underway - in our climate that usually means April/May. Pets

with fleas already should always be treated with an insecticidal adulticide product first, such as the topical spot on product "Advantage." Products should be continued throughout the entire fleas season - in our zone to November. The concept of flea resistance to insecticides is highly discussed and therefore doses of flea preventatives must not be skipped and should be given at the proper intervals. Many animals are hypersensitive to fleas and one flea bite may be all that is necessary to cause an allergic skin reaction. In these pets proper treatment is critical. Ideally, have your pet checked for fleas by your veterinarian and ask for the best product or combination of products for your pet before the season begins.

Water quality, quantity, need protection in Halifax Atlantic - Raymond

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Where trees are cut too close, to streams and other waters erosion takes over, washing silt and everything else into the streams, filling them in, and often causing more spring flooding.

It might feel right now as if we've got too much water, but for anyone who has ever

depended on well water, or who has suffered flooding as a result of infilling, or who has watched navigation become impossible, it's only too obvious: we need a legislative scheme which will work to protect water quality and quantity, here in Halifax Atlantic, and across Nova Scotia.



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Baseball Registration

Registration for the Harrietsfield Williamswood Minor Baseball Association for kids from age 5 to 12 will be held at the Harrietsfield Community Centre Tuesday May 10 from 6:30 to 8 pm. For information contact Tim Rose at 475-1739 or Greg Finanders at 475-1440.

The Music Machine

"The Calvary Kids and Company" of Calvary Baptist Church will present "The Music Machine" Saturday May 7 at 3 pm and Sunday May 8 at 11 am and again at 7 pm at the church, 91 Thornhill Drive. Admission is free.

Road Toll Fundraiser

The Spryfield Lions Club will hold a Road Toll at Dentith Road June 18 in support of the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia.

Eyeglass Campaign

The Spryfield Lions Club will be collecting unused eyeglasses for donation to third world countries from May 7 to 21 at various locations throughout the community including the Real Atlantic Superstore, Shoppers Drug Mart, Crowell's Pharmacy, Sobeyes, Captain Spry Community Centre, Lumbermart, the Harrietsfield Coates Irving and at the Bingo Hall.

Remarkable Woman Award

Crowell's Pharmasave and Spryfield Physiotherapy are developing an award for the remarkable women in Spryfield. The nominations need to include name, address and short write up regarding why the person believes this woman is remarkable. The forms are available at Crowell's and Spryfield PT and should be returned to these places. For information call Linda MacLaggan at 475-7900.

Parish Yard Sale

The Annual Spring Fair and Yard Sale at Parkhill United Church, corner of Parkhill and Kirk Roads in Jollimore, will be held Saturday May 28 from 9:30 am to 1 pm.

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Farm Plan Sale

The Annual Plant and Bake Sale, sponsored by the Urban Farm Museum Society will be held Saturday May 14 at 10 am, in the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Donations of plants and baked goods accepted Friday evening between 7 pm and 8 pm.

Fundraiser

The Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre will hold a Dinner and Auction Fundraiser at the Jolly Mug Pub and Grill on Friday May 6 with viewing of items beginning at 6 pm with dinner and auction at 7 pm. The \$10.00 per person fee this includes a 1/4 chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets available through the centre, call 446-4847/233-6980, for more details.

Come Grow With Us

Come Grow With Us, a family program of the Urban Farm Museum Society is entering its second season this spring. We will garden and learn throughout the growing season and we would like to invite anyone interested in volunteering to attend our volunteer training from 9:30 am to 12 pm May 7 at the Captain William Spry Centre. Our first gardening session is 10 am to 12 pm May 14. To register as either a volunteer or participant call Pat at 477-6087 or e-mail comegrowwithus@hotmail.com.

Heritage AGM

The Mainland South Heritage Society will hold its Annual General Meeting Thursday May 26 at 7:30 pm in the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Guest speakers Iris Shea and Heather Watts will give an illustrated talk on the history of "Deadman's: Melville Island and its Burial Ground," the title of their new book. All welcome.

Fleming Park Day

The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park invite everyone to Fleming Park Day Sunday June 5 from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be guided tours of historic Fleming Park and the Frog Pond (beaver lodges). Meet at Adventure Earth Centre, formerly the old stone church, 68 Parkhill Road. Heritage displays, tea and refreshments. Please register for the walks by calling 490-4539.

Heritage Walk

There will be a Heritage Walk Saturday June 11 at 10am to historic Rockingstone. A group of local historians from the CRABapple Mapping Project, Mainland South Heritage Society and Urban Farm Museum Society will be on hand to share the history of the area. Meet at the Captain William Spry Community Centre parking lot, entrance off Sussex Street in Spryfield. Approximately 1 and 1/2 hours duration.

Annual Trout-A-Rama

The 13th Annual McNamara Trout-A-Rama of the Halifax Wildlife Association will be held Saturday June 4 at Cunard Pond, Williams Lake Road, from 9 am to 2 pm with registration from 8 am to 11 pm. No license is needed and the event is free and open to all children under 16 years of age. Fish limit of five applies but there are prizes the largest, most and tagged fish. A free lunch of hot dogs and pop. For information call Bob Blom at 477-0178.

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Adult Literacy Volunteers

The Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia is looking for adult volunteers to work with elementary aged students who are experiencing difficulty in reading or writing. Volunteers are needed at the Dartmouth and Halifax locations for the Spring session of LINKS, beginning in April 2005. If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding and responsible volunteer position, please contact Heather Savage at 423-2850.

Library Happenings

Children Storytime: Fridays 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 until May 27. A love of reading is a gift to last a lifetime. Stories, songs and finger-plays introduce preschoolers to books in this special half hour just for them. For more information call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796.

Library Puppet Shows:

Alternate Saturdays. Captain William Spry has Puppet Shows for all ages Saturdays at 11 a.m. Patrick the Pig, Cutie Pie, and Moe the Crow invite you to bring the whole family and all your friends for a half hour of hilarious entertainment with a show featuring your favourite puppet characters. Saturday, May 7, The Rabbit's Judgement: A Korean Folktale, and May 21, Little Blue Riding Hood.

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Volunteers Needed

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