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## Mosher working toward "heritage designation" of Memorial Tower

By Linda Mosher  
District 17 Councillor

Sir Sandford Fleming Park, commonly referred to as the Dingle, is a very well known park in our area that 1000's of residents have enjoyed for decades. Unfortunately back in 2001, the park was showing signs of age and neglect and even two faces of the tower required urgent repair to stop the water erosion. In order to bring attention to the park and obtain additional funding,

I brought forward a request to Council to apply for National Historic Site status for Sir Sandford Fleming Park, along with performing a needs assessment looking at all aspects of the park.

This request was approved, and the staff report indicated that federal designation was the highest form of commemoration afforded to a historic person, place or event in Canada. In order to provide the necessary documentation it was agreed that we would hire a local researcher to

provide documentation on the historical significance of Sir Sandford Fleming, the park and tower. An application was made to the federal government, but the park and Fleming were turned down because Fleming is acknowledged elsewhere in Canada. However, officials are currently assessing our request to designate the Memorial Tower as a National Historic Site.

Sir Sandford Fleming was a notable Canadian who was born in Scotland and came to Canada in 1945. He was in charge of the initial survey for Canadian Pacific Railway, the first to span the continent, and as such was one of the foremost railway engineers. He is also well known for his contribution to the establishment of the present system of time zones, earning him the nickname "Father of Standard Time." He designed the first postage stamp, depicting a beaver, which cost three pennies.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of representative government in Nova Scotia, Fleming donated his former summer retreat, the "Dingle," which included 95 acres of land, to the former City of Halifax for a

public park. In addition, he wanted to build a tower as a memorial to the establishment of parliamentary institutions in the British Empire, now the Commonwealth.

The first cornerstone was laid October 2, 1908 to correspond with the 150th anniversary of the meeting of the first Nova Scotia assembly on October 2, 1758. This October it is the 100th anniversary of the erection of the tower and the 250th anniversary of democratic government in Nova Scotia.

The province has started the Democracy 250 project, and I have requested they consider making the Memorial Tower a signature project. It is a perfect candidate for the D250 project and also for Federal designation, as Fleming built it as a national landmark and to be the spirit of patriotism, "Inter-Imperial." I arranged a meeting with D250 spokesmen, the former Premiers Hamm and McLennan, their staff, and with Minister Cecil Clarke, Chair. They all agreed to consider this project and have been moving forward for its consideration.

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The Calvary Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary held a lunch and silent ticket auction this month. Working to get ready for visitors are Evelyn Feltmate, Sharon Britton, Dru Brown and Christina MacIsaac.

## Spryfield Business Commission headed for 7th Annual Meeting

"We're taking some of the business out of the business of the Annual General Meeting," Chair Linda MacLaggan says of the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Spryfield and District Business Commission.

MacLaggan explained that the required business of the Commission's AGM, presentation of the yearly budget, delivery

of the audited financial statement, election of a new Board of Directors and a review of this year's proposed "Activity Planner" and program outline, will be conducted as required. "But this year the Board of Directors decided to dispense with the usual guest

see "Spryfield" pg. 2

## Boys and Girls Club rebounding after fire

The healing and repair process has begun at the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield following an April fire that brought an abrupt end to after school and other programming for almost 100 local youth, but Executive Director Darlene MacLean says the club is hoping to be up and running again in time for summer programs this July.

The Thursday afternoon fire started when an over-heated power bar ignited, catching the inside of the exterior wall and flood ablaze. The first could have been worse except the club's fish tank exploded extinguishing most of the blaze as fire equipment and personnel arrived.

The biggest problem for MacLean and the club is that a box containing mostly plastic toys and equipment caught fire spreading noxious, toxic and sticky "goo" over everything including the walls, ceiling and everything inside. "We filled two huge dumpsters with stuff we had to throw out which means we are down to nothing in terms of equipment, arts and craft supplies, toys and games the kids used," said MacLean, hopeful that the club's sound system and television can be saved.

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But residential growth and change is not the only new evidence of growth. Additions to the community like the new Blockbuster, growth at Cuts of Class and CC Women's Fitness Centre, proposed changes for the local Nova Scotia Liquor Commission and hoped

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“Unfortunately we were very underinsured,” said MacLean explaining that the club insurance only covers the contents while insurance adjusters from the

"I'm just touched," she said during an

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I also brought the researcher to the Nova Scotia Legislature where she met four Provincial Ministers including Minister Goucher, Minister Clarke (D250 Chair), Minister Dooks (Heritage and Culture) and Minister McLeod (Speaker of the House and D250 member). We discussed the 250 project, and the significance of the Memorial Tower to residents of Nova Scotia and all Canadians. It was obvious that the researcher is not only impressed with the Memorial Tower project

All in all there have been some interesting times in our community over the past few years and the anticipation is that positive change will continue to occur for the next few years as well she said.

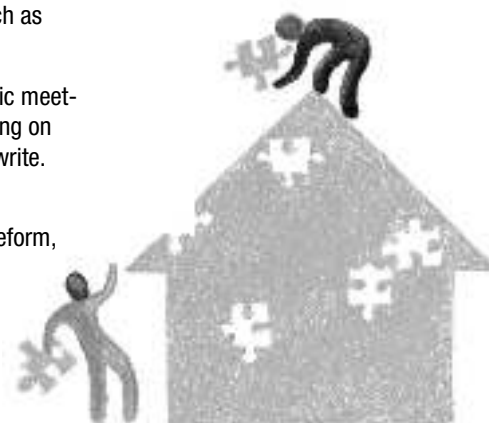
interview. "Spryfield has always been a community where people pull together and I'm deeply touched by the outpouring of help we've receive from the community." Anyone wishing to help can call Darlene at the club at 477.9840 or via cell-phone at 830-4171.

due its historical value, but also with the political support from both the municipal and provincial governments.

Although we have now fixed all faces of the tower, there is still damage to some of the stones and plaques which require restoration. In addition, the bronze lions need to be removed to a foundry to be restored. As part of the D250 project, I have asked for restorative funding and the creation of a commemorative statue of Sir Sandford Fleming for placement in the park. As well, I have requested the Provincial Ministers support me in lobbying Federal Minister Baird, who will make the ultimate decision to make the Memorial Tower a National Historic Site. I will continue to work on having a positive response to the Nation Designation request this Summer.

# WE CARE

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# Playground fundraiser nets more than \$4,000

Residents of the Harrietsfield/Williamswood area, who came together to form a committee with the sole mandate of raising essential funds for a much needed and safer Playground Complex for the community, raised more than \$4,000 from an auction held at Kokomos to support their cause this month.

The Playground Complex is located at Harrietsfield Elementary School. The existing designated playground area is small, non-functional, and most importantly, no longer safe for the community's children so residents organized to help improve the only playground area for the children of the Harrietsfield and Williamswood area.

The newly envisioned Playground Complex will replace the existing equipment and

update the existing fields at the school. Area residents, along with the Harrietsfield Elementary School, believe that the playground is an essential part of the community. The new playground complex will include not only a new soccer and baseball field, but also a large playing pad complete with modern equipment. In addition, new security fencing will line the perimeter of the complex

The residents and school officials believe improving the playground complex will provide not only increased motivation for the children to enter into more outdoor physical activities, but to also encourage purposeful and educational play. The newly designed playground will have the added benefit of distributing students evenly throughout the playing areas and fields when the

children are at play and at school. The objective is to provide a healthy, educational, and purposeful exercise for the children of the Harrietsfield and Williamswood Community.

However, today's tough economic conditions make it difficult to provide the necessary resources for such a

safe, educational, and fun environment for the children says organizer Susan Prime. "The Playground Committee and Harrietsfield Elementary School is unable to meet those financial needs without help from individuals from the community and from local businesses," she said.



Harrietsfield Elementary School and concerned members of the Harrietsfield and Williamswood community have joined hands to help create a new play space at the school. Shown working a recent auction for the project are Principal Brian Toner; Playground Committee Chair Susan Prime; Kevin Prime; Auctioneer Suzanne Rent of Hal 89.9 FM and students Cydney and Cassey Prime.

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**Join us at the kick-off event to hear more about community visioning and how to become part of it. Refreshments will be provided.**

**What: VisionHRM Spryfield Community Visioning Kick-off Meeting**  
**When: Thursday, May 22, 2008**  
**Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm (informal reception 6:30 - 7:00 pm)**  
**Where: Captain William Spry Centre, 10 Kidston Road, Spryfield**

For further information visit [www.halifax.ca/visionhrm](http://www.halifax.ca/visionhrm), email [visionhrm@halifax.ca](mailto:visionhrm@halifax.ca) or call 490-5857.





# DISCOVERING OUR PAST



## Thomas Noonan, Irish soldier, had ties to the Gallaghers of Ketch Harbour

By Iris V. Shea, Historian  
Mainland South Heritage Society

When researching family names from local communities, often a piece of information comes along, quite by accident, and provides a new and interesting twist to an existing puzzle. An Irish soldier, Thomas Noonan, was a guard and assistant warder at Melville Island from 1868 to 1874 and his death certificate revealed a connection to the Gallagher family of Ketch Harbour.

Thomas Noonan, according to his personal papers on file at Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management, was born in the parish of Thomond Gate, near Limerick, County Clare, Ireland, on 11 Jan. 1853. At the age of 18 years, he enlisted at Dublin for the 60th Regiment and served in Turkey and the Crimea for one year and ten months, and at Halifax for 11 and one-half years. His discharge papers, dated 18 July 1867, were signed at Halifax by Major General Hastings Doyle who reported that Corporal Noonan was “in possession of three medals for good conduct and that his character was most exemplary.” He was recommended for a pension effective when he reached the age of 50 years in 1885 (Unfortunately he did not live that long).

Following his military discharge in Halifax , Noonan was appointed as Assistant Warder at the Military Prison in Halifax with a salary of three shillings/two pence per day, with living quarters, fuel and light (or the usual allowance for the same). On 16 May 1868, Thomas Noonan became Assistant Warder at Melville Island where, from 1868 to 1871, a total of 961 prisoners were detained. Noonan’s records included their names, their regiment, length of stay, and cause for incarceration. The story told by his granddaughter is that Noonan saved a young boy from drowning in the Northwest Arm but took ill and died of pneumonia as a result of his efforts. His granddaughter, sometime during the 1960s, on a visit from Florida, donated the Noonan’s handwritten ledger to NSARM. His photograph (seen here) and partly finished handmade quilt (which he worked on while employed on Melville Island) were donated to the NS Museum.

There were two death certificates for Thomas Noonan, both dated February 1874. The Warder of Melville Island, George Draper, was the informant on one certificate, and a Gallagher of Ketch Harbour was the informant on the second certificate. The newspapers of the day reported that Thomas Noonan, 39 years, was married, born in Ireland, died on Melville Island in February 1874. Cause of death was “inflammation.”

No marriage record was found for Thomas Noonan, nor were there baptisms of any children, but an 1876 estate deed of Daniel Gallagher of Ketch Harbour listed the

widow Mary Ann Noonan of Boston as one of Gallagher’s daughters. With that information, and with the help of a friend, an American researcher who has access to Boston census

records and the New England Historical and Genealogical Society database, it was possible to piece together the life of Mary Ann (Gallagher) Noonan, widow of Thomas, following her move to Boston in 1874.

The 1880 Boston census record listed 14 year-old Thomas Noonan in

Boston, living with his step father, Amos Holt, and Amos’s wife, Annie. Also living

with them was step-daughter, Ellen. The census record showed the birthplace of Annie, Thomas and Ellen as Nova Scotia. A successful search for the marriage record of Amos Holt revealed that Amos, a widower, married Annie Gallagher Noonan, widow, in Lynn, MA., 10 Feb. 1877. The marriage certificate listed Annie’s parents as Daniel Gallagher and Ellen Hacket of Nova Scotia. Amos Holt died in 1883 and Annie was once more a widow. Her son, Thomas Noonan, married Margaret Ready of Lynn, MA,

on 26 Nov. 1895 and the couple settled in Swampcott, MA. In that record, Thomas gave his parents’ names as Thomas and Annie, and in subsequent census records Thomas stated his father was born in Ireland, his mother in Nova Scotia.

Annie Gallagher Noonan Holt died of pneumonia in Swampscott at the age of 58 years on 21 Jan. 1900 and was buried in Lynn, MA. The death record stated she was the

see “Soldier” pg. 8



Thomas Noonan, on right, a native of Ireland, served in 60th Regiment in Halifax during 1860s.



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# Heppy's maintaining traditions, quality and customer service

After 17 years of cutting vegetables, cooking meats and fish and rolling dough, Corrine Weir has finally found the niche she's been looking for all these years, a retail outlet for her "Heppy The Pie Lady" business, an expanded product line and a customer relations ingredient that sends her to work every day with a happy heart and an energetic soul.

Weir, more commonly known simply as "Heppy," started making her infamous chicken and beef pot pies in her home in 1991, selling the product to fellow employees

at Canada Post where she was employed full time in the payroll department. "The employees at Canada Post were my first customers," she says with an appreciative smile and a deep laugh while adding that "many of them still are."

Her "no MSG or preservatives" policy was attractive to many. Her "no bottom crust" style, hand cut vegetables and perfect pasty dough topping was a quick hit, but it was seven years later in 1998 when she first took her wares public, opening a cafe at the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

By the time the 2000 decade came, along Weir was selling an ever expanding product line wholesale to outlets like the Real Atlantic Superstore and smaller specialty stores around metro.

But success at the wholesale level wasn't enough for Weir. Having great products selling successfully through retail outlets was encouraging for her, but there was something missing. Her most recent venture, a retail outlet at 30 Herring Cove Road however, filled a void for her, the joy she gets from dealing directly with her customers.

"I just love what I do," she says between visits from customers who seem more like friends than people wanting to buy a quick to prepare, nutritious and tasty meal. Everyone who enters is greeted by name. If Weir doesn't recognize a customer, she bounds from behind her counter to counsel, encourage, help and, most importantly, offer samples to someone most likely not expecting such personal attention or lively conversation. To sit and watch the interaction from one of the two rocking chairs featured in the store's décor is enjoyable all by itself. "Many of my customers remark often that the outside of the store can never prepare you for what's inside," she says of her decorating flair.

The store is not only now stocked with a variety of new products, among them salt cod fish cakes, 13 different pies and pot pies, breads, cookies, Danish, jellies, preserves, baked brown beans, cinnamon rolls, garnishes, it is filled with family history, including photos of her Father "Heppy"

and her Mother Yvonne, a French Acadian couple from whom Weir has adopted more than just recipes.

"Our signature pie is Acadian Chicken and Pork Pie, better known as 'Pate de LaViande,'" she says explaining that most everything has a French Acadian aspect to it, including the Acadian license plates she sells. In fact about the only thing in the store that is not French based are the Himalayan Salt Crystal Lamps she sells.

"I've been blessed with two things in my life other than the legacy my Mom left me," she says, explaining that "good health and good staff," including Simone Lewis, Cathy Williamson and Dianne Caswell "are Heppy's success."

From the opening bell of her business adventure Weir's slogan has been "Heppy's – high quality alternatives to fast food for today's hectic lifestyle" and she's never left it behind. "I'm overwhelmed by the support of my own community and by those who travel from Dartmouth, Bedford, the former County and even some from out of province who always stop in to buy things while they are here," she says. "I see myself one day having other stores in Metro including Bedford, Dartmouth, Lower Sackville and Truro," she says of future ambitions.

But before all these changes take place you can find Heppy at her store at 30 Herring Cove Road Monday to Friday from 9 to 6 and Saturday from 10 to 4 pm. Stop in. It's worth the time to visit or call 479 (PIES) 7437 or visit [www.heppys.com](http://www.heppys.com).



Heppy The Pie Lady has opened a new retail outlet at 30 Herring Cove Road. Staff members waiting to greet clients include Cathy Williamson, Simone Lewis and Heppy, Corrine Weir, owner.

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# Chebucto “BB” Pee Wee teams wins SEDMHA title

The Chebucto PeeWee “BB” hockey club won the Civic Final Championship for the PeeWee B division in the Sedmha Hockey Tournament which was held April 3rd-6th in metro.

This selected group of PeeWee house league players were brought together, attended a checking clinic, and with the coaching expertise of Tony Mitchell, Bruce VanBuskirk, Randall Pinfold and Joseph MacDonald, played the required number of games to be able to qualify to participate in this year’s Sedmha Tournament.

The boys had a disappointing start to the tournament, losing 4-2 against Acadia and then a second heartbreaking loss of 1-0 to TASA.

With two losses, Chebucto now had to continue to win or they would be “knocked out” of the tournament. Armed with determination, terrific “team play,” the main reason for their success, and their “lucky” black jerseys, Chebucto prevailed to beat Canso 5-3 in game three and Clare 3-0 in game four to advance to the Civic Final Championship game. With only 9 seconds left in the game, Chebucto scored on an empty net to win 5-3 against Queens and became the Civic Final champions.

Members of the winning team included back row left to right, Bruce VanBuskirk, Randall Pinfold, Thomas Messenger, Brendan Lee, Corey McNamara, Perry McDonald, Justin Bailie, Liam MacKellar, Tony Mitchell,


Alexander VanBuskirk and Joe McDonald;  
 middle row: Kayle Scoville, Brett Pinfold, Nolan McDougal, Zachary Goulden, Cody Kirk-Skerry, Jeremy McDonald, Marc MacAdam, Kyle MacDougal and Sam Watts;  
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# Elizabeth Sutherland students create “Lilly The Frog” adventure

It’s amazing that in this “www world” of internet, communication and information technology just how small the world of a grade one and two student really is. But for grade one and two students at Elizabeth Sutherland Elementary School, their world was enough to create big adventures for Lilly The Frog, the imaginary title character of a book they created in association with students in grade eight.

The book’s adventures began last October in teacher Wayne Ritcey’s grade one and two classroom when the idea of creating a book was conceived. The book’s adventures came to a conclusion in April with the unveiling of the finished product detailing Lilly’s adventures complete with pictures created from plasticine by students from the grade eight class. Lilly’s adventures began in a make believe spring season.

As a tad poll, Lilly lived in the Rockingstone Road Pond where he grew to become a small frog and played with his friends Quack, Jay and Shell. One summer day three boys came to the pond carrying nets to gather critters. Quack took off to the other side of the pond, Jay flew off and Shell hid among the pond’s vegetation. Lilly, sensing danger of being stomped on by the boys with their big rubber boots on, jumped from the pond and made his way through the traffic, across Rockingstone Road and hiked to a large building, which turned out to be Elizabeth Sutherland School.

Finding the front doors locked, Lilly

skirted around the building until he found an open window in Mr. Hunt’s classroom. In he jumped and began to explore this new place. But as he was walking along the hallway he was frightened by a huge machine, a floor polisher being pushed by custodian Mr. Rose. Lilly ran down the hallway, only to stop at a door covered in pictures of a pond and a frog and thought this might be a place of comfort.

Lilly squeezed under the door and came face to face with another frog, this time the class Mascot. Feeling more at home Lilly fell asleep to wake up with a start later as children rushed into the classroom for the first class of the morning. Upon encountering Lilly, the students went to principal Marlene Johns seeking permission to have Lilly stay. Permission was granted and Lilly had found a new home.

The entire story was crafted by the young children, the pictures created by the grade eight class and the final assembly was pulled together with the help of art teacher Sue Vey. “This is an example of ‘aesthetics learning,’ principal Johns told the gathering of students and parents assembled for the launch of Lilly’s adventures. “It is differentiated learning where students experience their learning and demonstrate their knowledge,” she said of the project.

Eight-year-old Clara Harris read the book out loud to all the gathering and a slid show was presented detailing the various stages of creation for the project. At the end of the presentation a song written by music teacher Bernard Curtis-Williams was sung by the younger kids.

Ritcey said the project was a long process “and the kids put a lot of work into it.” The finished product is available for purchase from the school for \$10.



Eight-year-old Clara Harris reads “The Adventures of Lilly The Frog” to parents during the launch of the newly created story.



Grade one and two students at Elizabeth Sutherland School assembled in the library for the launch of their new book “The Adventures of Lilly The Frog.”



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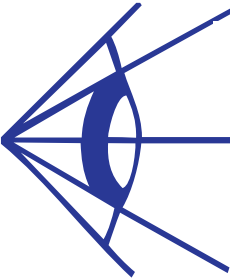
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# Signage, “Visioning,” and a call for help after fire – Adams

By Stephen Adams  
Councillor District 18

As you turn from Northwest Arm Dive onto Old Sambro Road you have probably seen the new “Spryfield” sign. This is the first of a number of signs that will be installed in our community as part of the “Streetscape Project.”

There are enhancements that will be made to this sign, including the addition of an image of the “Rockingstone,” and some highlights. We will be replacing it with a larger sign as we felt it wasn’t big enough for a 4-lane roadway. The present sign will be re-located near the Harrietsfield border. The other

locations, as I discussed in an earlier column, will be near Lumbermart and at Williams Lake Road. We continue to look for a suitable location on Herring Cove Road as you enter Spryfield from the Armdale Roundabout. Your suggestions would be appreciated.

At a recent meeting of Regional Council, we approved a “Visioning Process” for Spryfield and two other communities in HRM. This process is a means whereby community members can help to plan our future with regard to recreational areas, open spaces, zoning and many other facets of community life. Ask yourself – “How do I want to see the community in 5, 10 or even 25 years from now?”

On Thursday, May 22 at 6:30, a meeting will be held at the Captain William Spry Community Centre to outline the process and to begin the steps to form a Community Liaison Group (CLG). This group will lead the process to help shape our future. I encourage you to attend.

Earlier in April, fire struck the Boys and Girls Club at the Spryfield Lions Rink. Over 95% of the contents of the club were destroyed. If you are able to help in any way, please do so. The Royal Bank will accept donations with cheques made out to “Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield.” Gift cards will also be accepted from toy stores, arts and crafts stores or electronic stores.

This is a great organization for kids and need our help.

As of the writing of this article,

preparations are well underway for the paving of Greystone Drive. This will be a welcome improvement for all who use this busy street.

Although our budget has yet to be passed, past experience suggests that it will go through. As a result of the budget, we will see more police officers, some enhanced play areas and green spaces, and road work with both patching and resurfacing as part of the program.

In closing you may have read news items with respect to HRM’s new Tax Reform. I have ad numerous calls and e-mails as residents are quite concerned with the suggestions and recommendations. As it now stands, I will, under no uncertain terms, support the new proposal. It is unfair, unrealistic and will burden many of our residents with higher taxes.

## Fairview MLA seeks input for vote on provincial budget

By Graham Steele  
Halifax Fairview MLA

The Legislature resumed on April 25th. By the time you read this column, the annual budget will have been presented. We will vote on the budget around May 15th.

The budget is the single most important item of legislative business. It is the only time, in the whole year, when a government can be defeated. Remember 1999, when the Liberal budget was defeated, triggering an immediate election? The same could happen this year. It is not a decision to be taken lightly.

In order for me to vote in your best interests, it is very helpful for me to hear from you. What’s your reaction to the budget? Remember to be in touch before the vote on May 15th. My contact information is in my ad on this page.

When thinking about how to vote on a budget, I have always guided myself by asking this question: What is best for the people who elected me?

It appears to me that the number one concern, and therefore my number one priority, is health-care wait times. People in this province are waiting too long to see family doctors, too long for emergency care, and too long for critical diagnostic tests and treatment.

There are ways to improve wait times, such as setting up collaborative practices where nurses are trained to take over some of the work of doctors. That’s one of many solutions

proposed by me and my NDP colleagues.

Beyond health-care, I think that people in Halifax Fairview want a government that looks out for their interests, makes life a little bit better and more affordable, and takes care of seniors and the sick.

Instead, the government recently went on a spending spree. What concerns me most about the spending of the past month was the Premier’s decision to spend thirty percent of the “Crown Share.”

The Crown Share is the settlement of an old offshore gas dispute with Ottawa.

Under Nova Scotia law, that payment should go on the debt. The government has decided to evade the legislation. It’s a serious reversal.

If Rodney MacDonald’s government had applied all the extraordinary revenue to the debt, it would have cut the province’s interest payments by about \$30 million this year and every year.

We would have had extra \$30 million this year and every year to spend fixing the province’s roads and schools. We would have had \$30 million to start reducing wait times in our hospitals. We would have had money to help people with their rising energy bills. We could have helped seniors maintain their independence and stay in their homes longer.

In short, we would have had more money, every year, to make things just a little better, and to address your priorities.

That would have been a real investment and a long-term investment.

## Soldier had ties to Ketch Harbour

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daughter of Daniel Hacket and Ellen Hacket of Nova Scotia (an error on someone’s part). Annie’s daughter, Ellen, sometimes called Helen E. Noonan in census records, lived with her brother in 1900. A marriage record for Helen E. Noonan was recorded in Swampscott in 1903 but the record is unavailable for viewing. Thomas Noonan and his wife Margaret continued to appear in census records for Swampscott in 1920 and 1930. No birth records were found for children, but in

the 1920 census record, a 20 year old daughter, Theresa, lived with them for the first time.

In 1930 Thomas Noonan, at the age of 62 years, and his wife Margaret, 60 years old, visited Nova Scotia, appearing as passengers on the ship “Nova Scotia” which left Halifax on 14 Sept. 1930, arrived Boston on the 15th. Their home address was 28 Greenwood Terrace, Swampscott, MA. One would hope they visited their Gallagher relatives in Ketch Harbour during their stay in the area. It’s possible the Gallagher family stayed in touch over the years with their New England cousins.



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# Dialogue on Canada's growing income gap

By Alexa McDonough  
Halifax MP

We know the federal government has the resources to ensure that none of our citizens are left behind. We know that our economy is strong, doubling in size since 1981. Canada today is the 9th richest nation in the world. Unemployment is at a 30-year low. More Canadians, especially families raising children, are working, and working longer hours. But instead of the gap between the wealthiest and working folks shrinking, it is growing.

This is totally unacceptable. It takes its toll on our communities and on our nation. That is why I am working with community experts to tackle Canada's growing income gap, and why I am inviting you to come and participate in a forum here in Halifax in mid-May to advance solutions for reversing that gap.

Half of today's working families believe they are a missed paycheck away from stumbling into poverty. The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives recently documented that one million Canadian children are living

in poverty. That's 33,791 kids in Nova Scotia alone. That is obscene in this prosperous country and it has to be reversed.

The latest federal budget spent six dollars on tax giveaways to those who least need it, for every dollar spent on programs needed to help Canadians move out of poverty. The Harper government, as the Liberal governments before it, lives in the fantasy that Canada needs to reduce its public support for the vulnerable, while slashing taxes for the wealthiest.

Poverty is not just about money. Eradicating poverty requires a plan, and a strategy with timetables and targets. The National Council of Welfare and the National Anti-Poverty Organization have been pushing for a national plan for decades. But with no vision, no leadership, no dedicated resources, first from the Liberals and now from Conservatives, poverty is deepening and its effects are taking a disastrous toll on too many lives.

New Democrats have persistently advanced concrete policy proposals, including increasing the child tax benefit, launching an adequate minimum wage, re-launching

a national housing program, and ensuring access to affordable training, child care and prescription drugs.

Through the tireless efforts of our NDP Anti-Poverty Advocate Tony Martin, MP, supported by our entire caucus, parliamentary hearings are underway that can lead to a long overdue national anti-poverty strategy. Since Ireland adopted a national anti-poverty strategy in 1997, poverty levels have dropped from 15 to 7 per cent. Since Britain adopted an anti poverty strategy in 1999, they have massively reduced poverty. Canada's

commitment to do the same, when Ed Broadbent's 1989 motion was unanimously adopted by the House of Commons, has gone nowhere because of a total absence of political leadership, despite the past two decades of unprecedented prosperity in Canada.

I invite you to join us on May 15th, 7-9pm in Room 1020, KC Rowe Building, Dalhousie University for a community forum to advance solutions on Canada's growing prosperity gap. Don't let them tell you it can't be done!

## "Come Grow With Us"

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (Urban Farm) is an organization that fosters food growing in the city. The Urban Farm property is a three acre oasis of garden pleasure in the heart of Spryfield. Folks come to the Urban Farm for many reasons, to relax in the meadow, watch the birds, volunteer in programs, eat a picnic lunch, help clear land for gardening, participate in a growing project, to find their own "Geo-cache" or attend an event.

Urban Farm members are enthusiastic gardeners who freely share their time and expertise with anyone interested in growing food from late May through September. Anyone interested in becoming a member or volunteering with the Urban Farm, please contact Pat MacLean at 477-6087. This year, the Urban Farm has a special initiative for teens and young adults called the Youth Leadership Program which will support youth

in the development of leadership skills through supervised volunteer work in Farm programs. If Youth Leadership is for you, please call or email Stephanie at smartin\_10@hotmail.com or at 830-8623.

The "Come Grow With Us" programs of the Urban Farm are fun and instructive. The Saturday Program, 10-12 noon each Saturday, is popular with local children and families with young and very young ones. Tuesday evening's "Pop-In" gardening offers people a chance to try out gardening in the Urban Farm garden. Thursday mornings from 10-12 noon the Urban Farm hosts garden time for seniors. The Urban Farm Greystone Garden within the Greystone community holds garden classes for children and adults two afternoons a week. For more information on Urban Farm programs contact Joanna at urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com or call Pat 477-6087 or Martha Leary 420-1520.

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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BEAZLEY (Wagg), Melvina: 96, Herring Cove, NS, formerly of Sambro Head, loving wife of the late Nibert Beazley, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by the love of her family. Born August 24, 1911, at Burin Island, Newfoundland, she was a daughter of the late Robert Vigus and Harriett Mary Wood (nee Reid) Wagg. Melvina was a homemaker and mother who devoted her life to her family. She was a member of St. James United Church UCW, Sambro, as well as the Eastern Star. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Halifax), Marilyn (Harley), Ottawa, Susan (Randy), Herring Cove, her son, Stephen (Gwen), Portuguese Cove, daughter-in-law, Peggy, Ottawa, 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, Lena “Betty” Isaacs, NL, and Jean O’Halloran, Fall River, originally being from a family of 9 siblings. She was predeceased by her husband, Nibert, a son, Tom, and a granddaughter, Cindy Harla. Our love and heartfelt thanks to Melvina’s granddaughter, Judi, for her loving care. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601). A private family burial will take place in St. James United Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate remembrances to the VON or a charity of one’s choice. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

HARTLING, Carl Eldon: 83, Halifax, NS, passed away at Arborstone Enhanced Care, with his loving family by his side. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late C. Eldon and Florence (Boutillier) Hartling. Carl had served with the Canadian Army with Canada and Continental Europe. He was the recipient of the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. Carl loved to dance and listen to music, especially Mr. Bojangle’s, but family and children were always his greatest passion. Carl will be remembered for enjoying a good game of horseshoes. Carl is survived by his brothers, Ernie (Eileen), Spryfield, and George (Linda), Spryfield, and his sisters, Jean Hartling, Spryfield, Marion Ford, Hammonds Plains, and Mary Strachan (Bill), Timberlea, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predecease by his parents, brothers, Guy, Clarence, Gerald, Arthur, and Phillip, and sisters, May, Susan “Susie,” Florence “Fluffy,” June “Junie,” and Stella. The family wishes to extend their thanks to the special friends, staff and nurses of the 3rd floor of Arborstone for all the care and kindness shown to Carl and their family. Arrangements are under the

care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601). Interment will take place in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in memory of Carl may be made to the Alzheimer’s Society of Nova Scotia. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).

BELLEFOUNTAIN, Harold Michael: 102, Halifax, formerly of Portuguese Cove, husband of the late Lucy (Poirier), passed away at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, QEII, Halifax, NS. Born November 25, 1905, in Halifax, he was a son of the late Michael and Bertha (Purcell) Bellefountaine. Harold was a survivor of the Halifax Explosion. He was a Veteran of WWII, having served overseas with the navy. Throughout his working years, Harold had worked with Mt. St. Vincent College as a cook and baker, and had also worked at Moirs Chocolates and Ben’s Bread. He had assisted in the building of the Nova Scotia Hotel. Harold was an avid bowler and had bowled up until his 100th birthday. He is survived by his grandchildren, Michael (Carrie) Bellefountaine, Denise Bellefountaine, Melissa Doubleday (Daren), and Cindy Publicover (George), his great-grandchildren, Chad, Jennifer, Sandra, Shannon, Matthew, Jacob, Emily, Lauren, and Dylan, a great-great-granddaughter, Camryn, his daughter-in-law, June Bellefountaine, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Lucy, his only son, Ronald “Mickey,” and several brothers and sisters. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of 5 West for all of the care and compassion given to Harold. Interment will take place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Remembrances in memory of Harold may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society of Nova Scotia. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).

FREDERICKSON, Doris Loretta - 94, Spryfield. On March 31, 2008, she passed on peacefully under the comforting hand of God. Born in Yarmouth County on December 9, 1913, she moved to Halifax and was a long-time resident of Spryfield since 1935. Doris was a long-standing member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church in Spryfield. She is survived by her loving and devoted grandson, Stanley, Spryfield; brother, George, Yarmouth; nephew, Stephen Cook, Halifax, as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews. She had two sisters, Gladys and Marion, one of which has passed on. She was preceded to heaven by her loving husband, Villiam; her beautiful

daughter, Joan F. Dove, and brother, Charles. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. (477-5601). She will rest beside her Danish husband, the late Villiam Hans Christian Frederiksen, in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church or any house of worship. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at: [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).

O’NEILL, Marjorie Mae – 80, Spryfield, passed away at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Vincent and Emma (Starling) Musolino. She will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Doris Hamm, Spryfield; brothers, John (Alvina) Musolino; Cyril Colby (Gloria), Cole Harbour; David Starling (Jean), Beaver Bank Road; special nephews, Duncan and his children, Lisa and Dana; Darren and his daughter, Sarah, and families; special niece, Darlene and families; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Jean Roache; brother, Angelo Musolino; sisters-in-law, Edna Colby; Ada Starling; brothers-in-law, Dermith Hamm; Russell Roache. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601). Donations in Marjorie’s memory may be made to Bide Awhile Animal Shelter, 12 Eaton Ave., Dartmouth (469-9578). Words of comfort may be sent to the family at: [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, Election of Officers and 2008/09 Budget presentation of the Spryfield and District Business Commission will be held beginning with a "Business Networking" meeting at 3 pm May 26 at the J. Albert Walker Golden Age Centre on Herring Cove Road. All welcome.

School Entry Clinic

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old who will enter school in Sept. 09? Then register for our Spryfield Wellness Clinic for School Entry, to be held at Rockingstone Heights Elementary School on May 13 from 9 am to 3 pm. At the clinic, your child will visit five stations, receiving information about vision testing and brief checks for hearing, speech, dental and development. You can also visit our Wellness Fair where you'll receive a take-home bag full of ideas and tools for nurturing healthy development at home. Each family who registers and attends will have a chance to win a \$75 gift certificate for Atlantic Superstore. Space limited, so please register today by calling Michelle at 864-8744 or e-mail wellness-clinic@ueyhalifax.com.

Craft and Bake Sale

Calvary Baptist Church will hold a Craft and Bake Sale at the South Centre Mall, Saturday, May 10 from 9-5.

Heritage AGM

The Mainland South Heritage Society will hold its Annual General Meeting Thursday, May 29 at the Captain William Spry Community Centre with a short business meeting at 6:30 pm. Special guest speaker Kathy Brown of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society will begin her illustrated presentation at 7 pm on the history of the Sambro Lighthouse. All welcome.

Yard Sale

A Yard Sale will be held rain or shine Saturday May 31, 9 am to 1 pm at Purcell's Barber Shop parking lot, 353 Herring Cove Road, in support of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Farm Museum Meeting

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Everyone Welcome! If you would like to become a member or would like information about our Urban Farm programs, please call Pat at 477-6087-e mail jamac@ns.sympatico.ca.

Ticket Sale

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is selling tickets on a basket of home made items which will generate funds to purchase new tires for their farm wagon. The wagon plays an important role at Urban Farm events, providing tractor-drawn wagon rides to visiting children. It is also used by the society to participate in the annual Spryfield Santa Clause parade. The value of this basket is \$150 and includes such items as crocheted Christmas ornaments and a pine cone wreath, knitted gloves, scarf and child's sweater, a fleecy handmade throw, a copy of Urban Farm's Foods of Spryfield cookbook, packages of herbs from the Urban Farm Field, jam, relish, pickled beets and chow chow made from the produce of the farm field, and numerous other hand-crafted items. Tickets may be purchased from members for \$1.

Plant Sale

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield Annual Plant Sale, will be held Saturday, May 17, 10 am to 12 Noon at Captain William Spry Community Centre. Donations of plants accepted at Community Centre, Friday March 26, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. For more information call Donna, 477-1772.

# "Ring Monkeys" win gold

The Chebucto Ring Monkeys captured the gold medal in the "A" division in the recent year end Novice Provincial Tournament held at the Spryfield Rink over ten other teams from around the province.

The Chebucto Ring Monkeys battled the Bedford Snow Leopards in the championship game to a 6-3 finish. Unlike the score suggests, it was head-to-head through most of the game with Chebucto pulling ahead in the last five minutes.

During the tournament, the Ring Monkeys were also awarded the Central Ringette League Award for first place in the Novice division

for regular season play. Earlier in the season, Chebucto took the gold medal in the Annual Sackville Christmas Tournament.

Members of the successful club include front row: Lauren Sullivan, Goalie-Breanna Marriott, Grace Watts, Madison Cooke, Hannah Peters, Sheridan Taylor and Caitlyn Dempsey; back row: Assistant Coach Joey Hart, Manager Jackie Hart, Kierstan Walker, Emma Robertson, Mackenzie Hart, Isabelle Falconer, Miriam Watts, Kate Abel, Olivia Falconer and Head Coach Sandy Falconer. Missing from the photo are Jessica O'Malley and Assistant Coach Phil Walker.



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