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Chebucto lane reversal critical to Roundabout success – McCusker

HRM's Manager of Transportation Planning David McCusker is opposed to any moratorium on the reversing lane project at Chebucto Road as part of the Armdale Roundabout improvement and says the project has appeared on every draft of the city's 25 year

Regional Plan as "an integral part" of the future transportation requirements within the city. In an interview with the Chebucto News, McCusker said he "felt the moratorium (proposed by the Chebucto Neighbourhood Association which opposes the project) will

be of little value and could have some very negative impacts on the safe operation of the roundabout, if not now certainly into the future." The Manager said the Chebucto project is as prime a component of the Regional Plan's transportation requirements into the future as are other concepts aimed at reducing traffic volumes such as expanded transit services, ride sharing, HOV lanes, bike lanes and parking management. But he says that "even with the optimistic projections for success of these alternatives there will be continuing demands on our roadway network, including Chebucto Road, because continued regional growth (with many developments in outlying areas already approved) will result in a substantial increase

in the number of trips coming into and going out of the regional centre on a daily basis." He said the Regional Plan has an aggressive strategy which develops new transit services (including a link bus service to Downtown from Spryfield) and locates future settlement to take advantage of those services. "Although (if successful) this will result in a substantial shift of trip-making to transit, it can not realistically handle all of our future growth expected in trips per day," he said. "The Regional Plan modeling shows positive change in transportation demands resulting from the transit, ridesharing and

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Matthew Lee, one of the artists, Business Commission Chair Linda MacLaggan, Speedy owner Glen Sangster, Coalition Past-President Carrier Forbes and artist Renee Forrestall and her daughter Marie Webb were on hand during the mural unveiling this past month. Missing artists included Sarah Mischeau, Hanna Lo and Holly Rasmussen.

Mural art project a symbol of cooperation in community

With the crackle of plastic, Past Spryfield Community Action Coalition President Carrie Forbes, and existing President Dave Sampson, dropped the 24 foot long tarp covering the community's newest mural designed to both instill artwork and decrease graffiti in

the neighbourhood. The mural, a depiction of the famous Rockingstone at Kidston Lake, was created by renown artist Renee Forrestall in association with a number of students from J.L. Iisley High School who actually drew the image., the Spryfield and District Business Commission which assisted with the project costs and Glen Sangster, owner of the Speedy Muffler Building on Herring Cove Road where it now hangs. The Speedy building has been a popular canvass for graffiti vandals.

The artwork depicts the Rockingstone's history, through an inclusion of the image of King George who visited the site and "rocked the stone" in the 1800s. But the artwork also ties itself to today's modern era, reflecting its existing presence in the community as an historical site through images of the actual artists, one with skateboard in hand, dressed in the clothing of today's youth.

"This project began a year ago," Forbes told the gathering of about 20 people who

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Spryfield's Urban Farm Museum Society receives prestigious inaugural award

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield was honoured this past month to be chosen the recipient of the inaugural "Lieutenant Governor's Intergenerational Outstanding Volunteer Group Award" which was received from Lieutenant Governor The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S., at a ceremony held in the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth.

Society Past President Pat MacLean refused to accept the award alone after being called to the front of the room by Her Honour. "This is not an individual award and

there are many who have helped the Urban Farm achieve this designation," she said before requesting if others, including Martha Leary, Jean White, Dorthée Conrad, Marjorie Willison and Janet Kidston, would be able to join in co-accepting the designation. The ever gracious Governor General accepted the request easily.

The award, which was delivered along with two other inaugural "Intergenerational Awards" provided by the Governor General including the "Younger Generation Award"

which went to Kandra Morgan and the "Older Generation Award" which went to Doris Evans, were inspired by Her Honour to "recognize volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to seniors and youth and was designed to foster interaction and bonding between Nova Scotians of different ages." The awards were presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Halifax, the Youth Secretariat and the Seniors Secretariat.

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bicycling investments that the Plan proposes,” he said explaining that the result of these actions is elimination or deferral of a number of major roadway projects that have been recommended in previous transportation plans.

McCusker said he did not believe the Chebucto lane reversing project is a departure from the intentions of the Regional Plan as some have proposed. “The HRM Regional Plan and the ongoing HRM by Design process work only if growth in traffic can be reduced in a meaningful way. Both recognize, however, that expansion of the roadway networks cannot be avoided completely in a region that continues to grow,” he said.

And he clarified that the project is not a “widening” project but a lane reversal project similar to Herring Cove Road’s operation. “The widening of the Chebucto Road corridor, which has been proposed in transportation plans dating back to the 1960’s, has in fact been avoided by the Regional Plan which proposes a reversing lane project between the Roundabout and Mumford Road to make optimal use of the three lanes that already exist.

While the Roundabout is being viewed as a better working traffic manager than the former Rotary, he said vehicles are already backing up into the Roundabout from Chebucto Road and, should this continue to grow, the backup will eventually affect all entrances and exits at the roundabout.

“As predicted by the computer

simulation,” he said, “lack of capacity on Chebucto Road chronically causes morning queues to back into the circle. Although queuing in the circle was tolerable with rotary

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attended the unveiling. It began as an Action for Neighbourhood Grant applied for in February “because we (our committee) wanted to add something new and beautiful to the community,” she said.

Forbes, in thanking the artist and artists, said “their work was incredible through many months of labour and efforts that they put in, she said referring to them spending hours researching, visiting and then drawing the eight foot tall and 24 foot long mural.

She also congratulated the Business Commission for its involvement in the program. “It was the concept of partnering with groups in the community that brought the Community Action Coalition together,” she said. Relationships like this which we are trying to form can be the symbol of the future of where our talents and vision (as a community) can take us.”

For her part Forrestall said the students visited the Rockingstone several times and took pictures of it. “This will remind people of the natural beauty that we have in our own backyard,” she said.

rules, it causes significant breakdown in a roundabout because it allows vehicles to force their way into the backlog from an approach when they don’t have the right of way. In

other words, the roundabout can’t work properly if queues back into it, and queues will always back into it from Chebucto Road if a reversing lane system is not implemented.”

Sangster, who has done a tremendous job all summer of keeping graffiti at bay on his building, said he was “very happy to be

involved in the project. It’s a beautiful piece of work and I hope the people truly appreciate the effort that has gone into this.”

Museum receives award

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“Our Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is truly honored to receive this prestigious award,” MacLean said in accepting the opportunity to speak to the audience. “Sincere thanks to Lieutenant Governor. Mayann Francis, the selection committee and the Rotary Club of Halifax and to all our Urban Farm volunteers and members who are unable to be with us today, as well as to our founding member, MLA Michele Raymond and our District 18 Councillor Steve Adams, our thanks for your continued support and encouragement.”

In the summers of 2000 and 2001, she said, the Urban Farm Museum Society, with support from the Community Health Promotion Fund, Public Health Services and the Nova Scotia Agri-Food Industry development fund, hired two university students to interview community seniors about the healthy foods they grew in their gardens

and prepared for their families. They in turn shared with us their family’s recipes, some dating back to the early 1900’s. The results were published in our “Foods of Spry’s Field” cookbook now in its second printing,” said MacLean before presenting Her Honour with a copy of the publication.

MacLean also thanked the United Way of Halifax for the generous grant which has enabled us for the past two years to hire a part-time Volunteer Coordinator, the Chebucto West Community Health Board for grants enabling the start of a garden in the Greystone Housing Development, the Canadian Wildlife Federation for the Golden Gardens grant and local Spryfield businesses, Lumbermart and Walkers, whose funding helped to build a 4’ X 16’ seated senior’s planter in the garden.

But she said most of all “thank you is necessarily offered to our community of Spryfield where volunteering is a way of life for many people and where we hope our Urban Farm will continue to be a source of pride and commitment.”



Students at Central Spryfield Elementary School held a walk-a-thon this month as a literacy incentive program to raise money for books.

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BC Silver Reunion expanded this year

Birthdays ending in zero are often celebrated in a special way. This year the B. C. Silver High School class of '65, celebrated its joint sixtieth birthday with a big class party. Invitations were sent to everyone who was in high school during those years through the middle 60's, and 85 people met at the Spryfield Legion in September to remember, to reacquaint and share life's experiences during the past 40 or so years. The only real difficulty was in getting the word out to as many people as possible.

The evening began with a "meet and greet," where "everyone certainly appreciated the name tags being worn," said organizer Carolyn Mont. "Before the night of the reunion, we wondered if people would have a hard time connecting with folks they hadn't seen for forty-two years, but from the moment people came through the door there was a constant buzz of talk and laughter."

Special guests included some former teachers, Blair and Marjorie Perrott, Emmett Currie and Father George Smith.

"The meal was a delicious turkey dinner. It says a lot about a meal when no one has a

complaint. After dinner, we had a dance with lots of great sixties music. Everyone seemed to enjoy the whole party, so much so that we may do it again next year," said Mont.

For a number of years, the class has met for an annual reunion. The date is always set as the Saturday after Labour Day. Traditionally the reunion is quite a simple affair, meeting for dinner at local restaurants.

15th Annual Ilsley Auction set for end of month

Plans for J. L. Ilsley High School's 15th Annual Graduation Scholarship Auction, set for November 24 beginning at 6:30 pm, as staff, alumni and students all chip in for one of the social highlights and largest fundraising events of the fall season get underway.

The annual auction, held to raise money for bursaries and scholarships for all Ilsley grads, will be held in the school cafeteria on Saturday, November 24. "Once again we will have retired math teacher Lorne Abramson as our auctioneer," said publicity Chair Marilyn Skinner in admiration of his efforts when

"We had expected that we would return to that format after celebrating our birthday but most people who attended this year want to do the same thing again. We would welcome the opportunity to work with representatives from other classes to show them how we became organized. We now have a data base of classmates and would like to see other classes who were at B.C. Silver High School with us

do the same," said Mont.

The organizers of the Class of "65 Reunion included Marilyn (Hue) Bowlby, Nancy (Ryder) Collier, Geraldine (Oakley) Flemming, Norman Mitchell, Carolyn Mont, Fred Morash, and Wolfgang Ziemer. Anyone interested in attending next year's reunion or in organizing their own class, should contact one of the above.

"Abe" worked the crowd last year to bring in over 10,000 dollars for the scholarship fund for 2006-2007.

The usual wide variety of auction items will be available this year including woodwork, art, services, gift certificates, crafts, nights in hotels, and food. Local businesses, school staff-present and retired, as

well as parents, contribute the items each year.

There are a number of new staff members involved and there will be some changes to the style of the auction said Skinner.

Complimentary appetizers are served during the viewing reception at 6:30 p.m. Bonnie Aalders, also known as "Vanna White," will hold the first item up for bid at 7 p.m. sharp.

Local horseshoe player enters Hall of Fame

Cecil Mitchell, Second Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Horseshoe Players Association, has announced that member Clark Brown, former long-time President of the Halifax Horseshoe Club operating out of the Lieblin Park Horseshoe Pitts, is the newest nominee to the Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame. He is joined in this by Dorothy Butts, of British Columbia. Both were nominated in the "Builder Category" for 2007.

Notice of the achievement was confirmed by Brown who received a letter of congratulations from Committee Chair Jack Adams of Saskatoon. Brown joins a select group of Maritimers to the Hall of Fame. He is only the third recipient of this accorded honour.

Among other honourees were Brown's long-time playing partner Bob Richie, now of Fall River. Brown attended banquet and induction ceremonies in July.



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Wartime in Halifax Harbour - A great challenge for Harbour Pilots

By Iris V. Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

Halifax Harbour during wartime showed no mercy for the pilots of the Halifax Pilotage Authority. In all weather, day and night, licensed pilots with ties to the communities of Purcell's Cove to Sambro helped navigate ships moving in and out of Halifax Harbour. During World War I, many local fisherman were licensed pilots with years of experience, taking turns meeting and boarding vessels.

On the morning of August 1, 1917, the hospital ship SS Letitia was 10 days out of Liverpool, England, when she approached Halifax Harbour. She was carrying 546 wounded Canadian soldiers, 137 crew members and 74 hospital staff. This was her fifth trip to Halifax carrying wounded soldiers. A pilot cutter carrying eight licensed pilots was waiting off Chebucto Head. It was Walter L. White's turn to pilot SS Letitia into Halifax Harbour. The pilot on watch aboard the pilot cutter was Edward Vincent Renner who gave his estimation of the vessel's position to pilot Walter White. As White was preparing to board the ship, a thick blanket of fog descended over the area. Once on board SS Letitia, White told the ship's captain, William McNeill, the bearings, based on what he was told by Renner, W by NW (west by north west). White ordered a change in the ship's direction while trying to get a feel for the location of the sound from Chebucto Head fog horn and the whistling bouy off Portuguese Shoals, both of which, he said, were very faint. He was confident he had steered the ship in the correct direction.

Within minutes, as SS Letitia was operating at half-speed ahead, land was sighted. An order was given by White to "stop engines, full speed astern," but the vessel continued to plunge forward, her bow scraping the rocks about 50 yards from the grass-covered rocks on the shore between Chebucto Head and Portuguese Cove. Boulders penetrated her bottom, her stern in 25 to 30 feet of water.

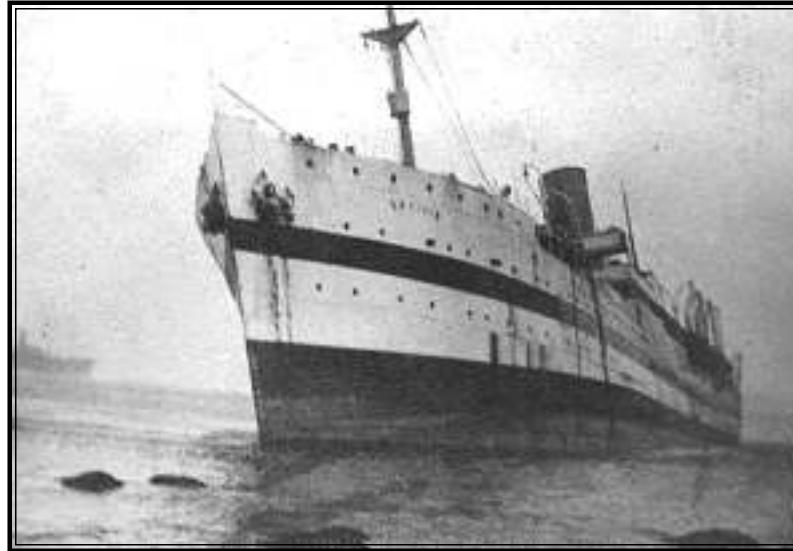
When word reached Halifax of the disaster, the dispatch boat, with great speed and efficiency, gathered together patrol boats and minesweepers. Slings were rigged to transfer the wounded men and within three hours all had been brought into the hospital at Pier 2. In the course of transporting the men, the dispatch boat "Watamba," as she was leaving Pier 2, was accidentally hit and sunk by one of the minesweepers. Fortunately the three men on board were rescued. Efforts to save the SS Letitia and pull her off the rocks continued for two more days. The crew was forced to abandon ship on the second day as the ship took on more water. It was later learned that a crew member, one of the firemen, was asleep when the order came to abandon ship. He jumped overboard but drowned while attempting to swim to shore. Three days after the ship hit the rocks, it broke in two.

The people of Halifax were vocal in their criticism of the Halifax Pilotage Authority, commenting that pilots were "men whose monthly income was greater than the premier of Nova Scotia and are supposed to guide

ships safely in and out of Halifax." People living along the shore visited the wreck at night, carrying away valuable articles...two large French clocks, a barometer, chairs and card tables, linen and silver. The salvage company out of London gave notice to the people that one half of the value of goods would be paid for their return.

A full inquiry into the mishap followed. The pilot, Walter L. White, was willing to admit full responsibility because it was his job to bring the ship in safely. His explanation of events leading up to the disaster could be interpreted as plausible. The fog played a major role, as did the fact that White was unable to hear, clearly, the Chebucto Head fog horn or the whistle from the bouy, both of which are standard procedure in determining a vessel's location. The questioning of witnesses focused on whether they could clearly hear the fog horn and whistling bouy at all times. Edward Renner testified that he was not sure of the bearings he gave to Walter White that day, but knew it was either NW by N or NW by W, but definitely not

W by NW. White was found guilty of "gross error in judgment" and demoted. The entire transcript of the investigation may be found online at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/sos/naufrages/002031-3150-e.html>



Hospital ship SS Letitia , 1 August 1917, on rocks near Portuguese Cove.

Edward Renner was 32 years old in 1917, married one year earlier to Mary Kathleen Purcell. He was the son of Alexander Renner and Catherine Dempsey, both of Herring Cove. He continued his career as a Halifax Harbour

pilot until 1945. Renner died in Halifax 25 Oct. 1954 of heart disease and is buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Walter Laurence White was born in Purcell's Cove, the son of William White and Catherine Selig. In 1918 he married Hilda Baker of Herring Cove. His occupation at the time of his marriage was Master, RNCVR (Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve). He died 6 Dec. 1927 at the age of 38 years while rowing across the Northwest Arm. The cause of death was myocarditis. Walter White is buried in Ferguson's Cove cemetery.

The wreck of SS Letitia rests on the floor of the Atlantic ocean, just south of Portuguese Cove, and today serves as a popular recreational diving site. The photograph, taken by Hubert Dentith on a visit to the area the day after the mishap, is in a collection of photographs recently received by Mainland South Heritage Society. Hubert was the son of Rev. A.F. Dentith who was minister of Emmanuel Anglican Church in Spryfield from 1912 until his death in 1939.

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Health care – single most important responsibility of government

By *Graham Steele*
Halifax Fairview MLA

Health care is the single most important responsibility of the provincial government. Yet too many of my constituents wait far too long for the health care they need.

A few weeks ago, Darrell Dexter and the rest of us in the NDP Caucus launched a campaign to achieve shorter wait times. Our campaign has five goals: keep emergency rooms open, shorten wait times for surgery, ensure everyone has access to a family doctor, ensure timely screening for serious illnesses, and open more acute care beds.

These five goals are achievable. Each of the options in the NDP options paper 'Shorter Wait Times for Health Care: Options for Action' have been used, here in Nova Scotia or elsewhere in Canada, to reduce wait times. You can read our options paper on our website at ndpcaucus.ns.ca.

I hear frequently that you are tired of waiting to receive the health care you need and expect for yourselves and your families.

For example, emergency rooms are a staple of our health care system. When you or someone you care about is in a health crisis, you want to be able to access treatment as quickly as possible. In recent years, emergency room closures have become a routine occurrence, though thankfully not yet in HRM. But waits can be very long.

Cancer is another health issue of great concern to people across the province. We have some of the highest rates of cancer in Canada, but we still have very few screening programs to catch the disease at the earliest possible time. Colorectal cancer, for example, can be detected earlier with an organized, province-wide screening program. We have waited too long for such a program to be introduced in Nova Scotia.

Collaborative medical practices currently

exist in communities such as Bear River, Halifax, Parrsboro and Middleton. These collaborative practices reduce wait times, and give more people access to a family doctor, by assembling a team of health professionals. This team-based approach means that patients and their families gain faster access to a wide variety of services, yet communities say it can take as long as five years to get approval from the Conservative government for a new one in Nova Scotia.

A proven means of reducing wait times and improving patient health is surgery "pre-hab." A provincially led pre-hab service has successfully cut wait times in Manitoba because patients improve their overall health before

surgery. People can get extra help rather than delays and cancellations. Pre-hab improves your chances of a faster recovery. It reduces the risks of complications with surgery, and it may even help a patient avoid surgery, by improving their health in other ways.

The NDP has put forward options that are proven to work. With the right focus and strong leadership, Nova Scotians can have timely access to the quality health care they deserve.

In closing, let me thank all the nurses and other health-care workers who have contacted me with their concerns about the Conservative government's proposed anti-strike legislation. Like you, I want a government that focuses on the real issues in the health care.

Raymond suggests celebrations be planned for "twin beacons"

By *Michele Raymond*
Halifax Atlantic MLA

Next year, 2008, Nova Scotia will celebrate the 250th anniversary of representative government in the province, a history which has strong links with Halifax Atlantic. Joseph Howe, the legendary journalist, orator and politician, was born in 1804 on the peninsula shore of the Northwest Arm, but, when not busy opposing Confederation, he often crossed the Arm to visit his cousins at the Letson Mill, the site of today's Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, and to swim in Williams Lake. He also wrote admiringly of Spryfield's Rocking Stone, as one of the wonders he visited during his "Western Rambles in Nova Scotia."

Much later, in 1908 Sir Sandford Fleming gave land to the city of Halifax for a park, on condition a tower would be built, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the establishment of what he believed to be the first representative government in the British Commonwealth outside the United Kingdom. (In fact, Bermuda's assembly is older). Thus we boast the beautiful stone Dingle Tower with its bronze lions, and its

plaques from many states and provinces congratulating Nova Scotia on the 150th anniversary.

Another tower in our area owes its origins to the very first day of the Nova Scotia Legislature sitting. Halifax was known for its dangerous sea approaches in its first years, and there were several attempts to raise money for a lighthouse at Sambro. On October 2, 1758, the new House of Assembly turned its attention to this essential need, and passed an act to raise money for a light on Sambro Outer Island. A thousand pounds was appropriated from liquor duties to build the light.

Sambro Island light doesn't burn fish oil anymore, and doesn't fire cannons to answer ship's horns in the fog, but it is the oldest working lighthouse in North and South America. It is a National Historic site, and an extraordinary piece of working legacy.

We're lucky to have such history in Halifax Atlantic, and next year, when the Province celebrates the 250th anniversary of democracy in Nova Scotia, we should be particularly proud. I'd love to hear from anyone else interested in working on a celebration of our own "Twin Beacons of Democracy."

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Councillor voted against new HRM Cat By-Law

By Stephen Adams
Councillor District 18

On Tuesday October 23, Regional Council approved By-Law A-300, the Responsible Pet Ownership By-Law. Although this covers all pet ownership, the majority of discussion focused on cat licensing and registration.

For the record, I opposed this By-Law. Although I appreciate that there are circumstances where cats are a nuisance, I do not believe that licensing cats, and building or leasing a shelter is the answer. Even if this service was contracted to an outside agency, there are associated costs.

Council approved the By-Law without a cost figure, and without a source for funding. It is difficult to estimate costs for a new By-Law, however, a "ball park" figure would be helpful. A report from 2005 suggested \$1.6 million for a shelter, and \$1.0 plus million for operating as an unofficial staff figure. \$2.6 million is too costly for a perceived benefit.

Some members of Council have suggested that licensing will help with costs. However, past practices do not show that we have a good track record with regard to dog licensing.

Although no one can give an accurate total of the number of dogs in HRM, the number of 75,000 dogs has been mentioned on numerous occasions. Given that only 6,700 dogs were licensed this is below a 10% rate. Further, the revenues generated using a \$30 fee for an unneutered or unspayed dog, would amount to \$201,000. Our costs last year were approximately \$1.2 million.

Although the numbers tend to get confusing, the issue of too many unknowns is the crux of the matter. The biggest unknown being how will this be enforced?

I had offered two solutions to help with the stray cat or problematic cat issues. The first was a spay and neuter program. Regardless of which side of the debate citizens were on, everyone with whom I have spoken felt this was a reasonable idea. However, Council did not agree.

The second idea, which offered a more immediate solution, entailed a single amendment to the By-Law. I suggested that clause be added to address "nuisance animals," which should be addressed on a case by case basis. Our By-Law staff (not a police officer) would take the complaint and speak with the

parties involved. This would have worked in the majority of cases and not pitted neighbour against neighbour. Again, Council did not support this suggestion.

In a recent article, Council members who strongly supported this By-Law were asked about the cat complaints they get on an annual basis. The majority of those who responded said between six and 12 complaints a year, and for this we approved a By-Law.

During budget deliberations I will not be supporting funding for this By-Law. I can think of many other issues, such as policing, playgrounds, seniors or water extensions where this money could be utilized.

The demolition of BC Silver School was temporarily halted to ensure that the necessary documentation from DoT were on file.

According to the property owner this is not an issue which will stop the process. It is simply a check of the approval.

The dust from the demolition was extensive. After numerous phone calls, I have been assured that a water truck will be on-site when the work resumes.

In the next few months, we will be doing our preliminary budget preparation. If you have any suggestions you would like to have considered please feel free to contact me.

On a personal note, I wish to send my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Jackie Barrett. Jackie is a Special Olympian who brought back four gold medals in bench press, deadlift, squat and powerlifting. Jackie has made his parents, his community and his country very proud of his accomplishments. Well done Jackie.

Many Councillors "still willing" to compromise on cat issue

By Linda Mosher
Councillor District 17

On Wednesday, November 21st, we are having an open house at the Captain William Spry Centre from 3 - 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and view the displays and talk to staff about the changes planned to retrofit the centre. There will be many changes made to the exterior and interior of the building, which will make it much more user friendly to all ages.

Recently, HRM Council passed a new Animal Control Bylaw, after much

media attention. Unfortunately many of the statements made by Councillors, staff, and the media were completely inflated. First, we are not going to be going out and "rounding up all the cats." In fact, HRM is not hiring more Animal Control Officers. Basically residents who are having problems will be required to get a trap and try to catch the cat and then take it to the SPCA. HRM is not buying cat traps, we already own them. Previously residents were allowed to trap a cat on their property. However, the SPCA would not accept the trapped cats, so if someone trapped them, they could do with them as they pleased.

Second, and most importantly, Council has not approved the expenditure of "any" additional money on this bylaw. At the moment HRM spends \$1.1 million a year on animal control. We only collect about \$400,000 in fees. One of the main misconceptions is that we are going to spend between \$1.6 million and \$3 million on a cat shelter. The inflated figure came from a 2004 report that looked at our previous bylaw. They said that our existing shelter was no good for dogs, but Council decided at the time not to build it. Council did not approve "any" capital expenditure for a new shelter. After the bylaw comes into effect, if an animal has to be sheltered, it will be at the SPCA in Dartmouth. Also, it was stated that we needed an 8,500 square foot cat shelter, similar in size to the Captain William Spry Centre. This is not true and utterly ridiculous.

It should be noted that In Calgary they have an animal bylaw that includes cats. Calgary has room for 20 cats in their shelter. Our existing shelter already has room for 70. This number should be sufficient, as I really can't see residents going out of their way to get a trap, and if they manage to trap a cat, then take it to the shelter. In reality there are only extreme cases where this would happen.

On several occasions I have stated that registering animals is a tax grab. It could be considered a user pay system, but residents really don't get anything different in return. To directly attribute a benefit to the fee, I tried to get a motion approved that funds raised through licensing would go directly towards having off leash dog parks and that dogs that aren't registered can't use the park. I wanted it stated in the bylaw so people would be encouraged to register and we would get funds

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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NICKERSON, James Harold "Nick" - 86, Harrietsfield, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Guy and Mildred (O'Reilly) Nickerson. Harold was a Second World War Veteran, having served in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, and later being honourably discharged as a Lance Corporal. For his dedication and service, Harold had received the 1939/45 Star Defence Medal, the France/Germany Star, and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp. Known as "Nick," Harold had been a dedicated volunteer with the Harrietsfield/Sambro Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He had worked for Sears for over 30 years, from where he had retired. Over the course of the last 10 years, Harold had struggled with failing health, but through his illnesses, he found determination and the will to live, accepting the life he had been given. He is survived by his children, John (Darlene) and family, Harrietsfield; Robert and his extended family, Halifax; Linda Bowers (David) and family, Sackville; and Barbara Masters (Charlie) and family, Harrietsfield; brother, Stanley and family, Harrietsfield; sister, Millie Dwyer (Eric) and family, British Columbia; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family. He will be sadly missed by his canine companion, Bert. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Audrey H. (Laughlin); son, James Arthur; son-in-law, Roderick MacDonald, and sister-in-law, Becky Nickerson. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477.5601). Interment has taken place in Emmanuel Anglican Church Cemetery, Sussex Street, Spryfield.

SAMMS, Stella Rose - 74, Halifax, passed away peacefully in Arborstone Enhanced Care, Halifax. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Eldon and Florence (Boutillier) Hartling. For many years, Stella had been employed with Moirs Chocolate Factory, where she was a supervisor. She is survived by daughter, Brenda Sampson (Bob), Halifax; granddaughter, Pamela Sampson (Steven Boudreau and his son Chris Boudreau), Hammonds Plains; brothers, Ernie (Eileen) Hartling, Spryfield; George (Linda) Hartling, Spryfield, and Carl Hartling, Purcell's Cove Road; sisters, Marion Ford, Hammonds Plains; Jean Hartling, Spryfield, and Mary Strachen (Bill), Timberlea; sisters-in-law, Dorothy, Magen, and Gloria; brother-in-law, Donald, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen Samms; brothers, Clarence, Guy, Phillip, Gerald, and Arthur; sisters, May, June, Florence, and Susan. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

McKAY, (Fisher) Doris Mildred - 92, Armdale, passed away peacefully in her sleep at the QEII Health Sciences Center, Halifax, surrounded by the love of her family. Doris was born on the family farm in Toney River, Pictou Co., in 1915. She was the daughter of the late Alexander Reeves Fisher of Toney River and Elva (Macaulay) Fisher of Seafoam, Pictou Co. She was a graduate of the Provincial Normal College, (later renamed the Nova Scotia Teacher's College), in Truro, and taught school in Port George, and later in Spryfield. Married to James Willard McKay in 1937, they lived for a time on a farm in Salt Springs, then in Pictou, during the Second World War, where Willard

worked as a foreman at the Pictou Shipyards. Following the war, the family moved to Spryfield, and later to Armdale. Doris was a longtime member of St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield. Afflicted with macular degeneration in her latter years, and legally blind, nonetheless, with family support she lived in her own home in Armdale, until a few months prior to her death. She took up Tai Chi in her 80's and remained fit all her life. Doris is survived by her children, James Willard Jr. (Helen) of Armdale; Fraser of Toney River; (Karen of Halifax), Fisher (Gail) of Fall River; Joan (Bill

Simpson) of New Minas; her brother, George Fisher of Toney River. She leaves grandchildren, David, Donna, Elizabeth, James, Susan, Janet, Robert, Ronald, Cindy, Joanne, Kathy, and Stephen; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Willard, in 1986; her sisters, Mary Fisher and Annie Thompson. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601). Interment will be held at a later date in Toney River, Pictou, Co. Family flowers only.

Willing to compromise on cats

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so we could start building these parks right away. It would lessen the burden on existing parks and provide a benefit to the dogs and owners. Unfortunately Council didn't endorse this either.

Since, members of the public have asked why Council was even debating this motion in the first place. Unfortunately animal control falls under the jurisdiction of the municipality. Since amalgamation, HRM staff have been working on taking various pieces of legislation from the former areas such as Bedford, Halifax and Dartmouth and came with recommendations for legislation that reflects the municipality as a whole. This is the case with animal control as well, as there were seven different pieces of legislation. Now we have one Bylaw for the municipality.

So residents may not have liked us discussing it, but it had to be done.

We have to look at the practical applications of what Council passed. We are not charting new territory, there are many areas with Animal Bylaws that include cats, such as Kings County, Calgary, Toronto, Regina and many States. Years ago people were upset that there were going to be regulations to make sure dogs were on leash when in public and that owners had to pick up after their dogs. There was opposition to this at the time. Today can you imagine dogs running around freely?

Many Councillors were willing, and are still willing, to compromise on this issue. However, we want to make sure that if someone does not want a cat or dog on their property, then they have some recourse to ensure that it does not enter their property. It is about responsible pet ownership.

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Soup Luncheon

Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, will be the site of a soup luncheon, craft and bake sale Saturday November 24 from 11 am to 2 pm. All welcome.

Film Showing

St. Paul's Family Resources Institute will be showing 4 short films on Spryfield. They were produced by a group of first time filmmakers from Spryfield in conjunction with the National Film Board of Canada. They will be shown at St. Paul's United Church on November 8, at 7:30. Pop and popcorn will be available. Free Will Offering.

Craft, Bake Sale

The St. James UCW, Sambro, will hold a craft and bake sale at Scotia Square on Thursday, Nov. 8th from 9 to 1:30.

Opening The Door

A panel discussion titled "Opening the Door, The Arts in Halifax Atlantic," will be held by Halifax Atlantic MLA Michele Raymond at the Theatre Arts Guild Pond Playhouse, 2 Parkhill Road, beginning at 7 pm November 5.

Recycle for Funds

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

Turkey, Toy Bingo

Harrietsfield Elementary School will host a turkey and Toy bingo at the school, 1150 Old Sambro Road, November 20th. Please come and enjoy some fun, maybe win a toy and a turkey. All proceeds will benefit the school and the students for much needed materials.

Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale

St. Peter's, Ketch Harbour will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 8 from 11am to 2 pm. Homemade Soup, Juice, Biscuit, Tea/Coffee and Cake. Everyone welcome.

Turkey and Toy Bingo

Central Spryfield Elementary School's Annual Turkey and Toy Bingo will be held Thursday, November 22nd and doors open at 6:00 with Bingo starting at 6:30. It is being held in the gymnasium of the school. \$5 for 15 games plus \$5 for 5 specials. For further information, please call 479-4286.

Ham Supper

St. James' Anglican Church in Herring Cove (1 Harrigans Road) will hold a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, November 17 from 4 to 6 pm. There will be a bake table and sewing table open at 2pm. For more information, please call 446-8168.

Art Show

The Chebucto Creative Arts Society will hold an Art Show at the Captain William Spry Centre, 10 Kidston Road, November 17 from 1 to 3pm.

Organist Wanted

Emmanuel Anglican Church on the Herring Cove Road is looking for an Organist. Our musical equipment includes an Allen Organ and a Roland Digital Piano. Closing date is Dec. 15. Phone 477-1782 for more information. Forward resume to Rev. Dianna Brett-Frye, 322 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax, NS B3R 1V4.

Christmas Crafts

Cunard Junior High School will hold its 20th Annual Christmas Craft Show and Sale Saturday November 17 from 9 am to 2 pm at the school, 121 Williams Lake Road. Everyone is welcome. Shop from over 60 Professional Craft Artists with a festive variety of goods for sale, then relax and enjoy lunch, coffee/tea and desserts.

Annual Meeting

The Spryfield Residents Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Captain William Spry Center, 7 pm, November 21. All residents of Spryfield are welcome.

Christmas Sale

Springvale School, 92 Downs Avenue, Halifax, is hosting its 3rd Annual Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, November 24 from 9-2. If you would like information on renting a table for this show please contact Kathie Bates at 479-4606 or email batesk@staff.ednet.ns.ca.

Coffee House and Craft Sale

Sambro Ketch Harbour Elementary School PTA will hold a Holiday Coffee House, Craft Sale and much more Saturday, November 24 from noon to 3 p.m. If crafters are interested in booking a table at the event, please contact Sambro School at (902) 868-2717.

Auction 45s

St. James Church Hall, Sambro, will be the site of Auction 45s every Monday at 7 pm. Admission \$2.50. For information call 868-2660.

Youth Group

A Youth Group from age eight and up are invited to a church drama group at St. James United Church, Sambro, beginning September 30. For information contact Eva Mae Gray at 868-2660.

Coming Home

Thinking of returning to church. Join us for Catholics Coming Home Program at St. John the Baptist Hall, at 7:30 pm October 10. For details contact 477-3110.

Ukeleles Wanted

Anyone who has a spare ukelele which can be used to help jump start a lesson program for children should contact Judy at 477-1228.

Seedy Saturday

It's Time to start saving your plant seeds for the Urban Farm Museum Society's Seedy Saturday being held March 15th at Captain William Spry Community Centre, from 2 to 4 pm.

Legion Notes:

Remembrance Day Nov. 11
The Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Branch will hold the Annual Remembrance Day Parade beginning at 10:45, followed by the Cenotaph Service beginning at 11 am. A Dance will follow from 2 to 6 pm featuring Big Deal and a Karaoke and DJ evening begins at 7 pm.
Seniors Days - Mondays - November 5 and 19 - 1 to 5 pm - featuring Newfie George.
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McDonald's Restaurant representative Lori Greenough was on hand to present Edward Jost Children Centre Executive Director Kathleen Couture with a cheque for \$15,000 to support the Centre's new playground. Students and members of the fundraising team were also on hand.

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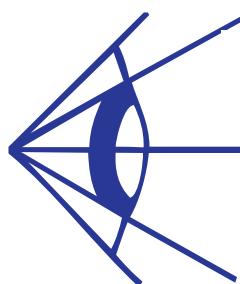
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