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Mosher spearheading prevention of "neighbourhood decline"

District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher is reaffirming her tough stand against graffiti but she says HRM can not solve the problem in isolation and she's encouraging the public to help keep neighbourhoods safe, beautiful and free of the deteriorating affects of graffiti crime.

"The first thing everyone has to understand is that graffiti is not art. It is a crime," she says "and even if we get an effective by-law in place, education programs and increased enforcement we still need the public's assistance. It is my hope that when they (the public) see graffiti they will call it in (to the HRM Customer Service Centre at

490-4000) so a by-law officer can investigate and take action."

That action Mosher refers to surrounds a new by-law the Councillor is pushing staff to prepare and Council to approve. Among other things, the new by-law, being based on laws governing graffiti issues in Vancouver, would require businesses to clean graffiti off their buildings within ten days of being notified.

Mosher said HRM has a new graffiti standard for city owned properties. She's not entirely happy with it because CAO Dan English has installed "no tolerance zones" for some areas of HRM which suggest graffiti removal is more important in some areas of

the city than others. "I do not agree with this," she said, although she was encouraged that the CAO has directed "that there be more internal coordination" between departments including Police, Community Response and Public Works.

Grffiti has long been a sore spot for the Councillor. She brought a motion to the Police Commission asking that a report to establish an HRM graffiti strategy be prepared for a December 12, 2005, Council meeting. She has encouraged mural paintings, a deterrent to graffiti vandals, throughout her district, met

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HRM, with the assistance of Councillor Stephen Adams and the Spryfield and District Business Commission, cleaned the vacant property just west of Tim Hortons on Herring Cove Road this month. The Commission is hoping to secure the property from a numbered company in Ontario so it can be utilized as a park for Spryfield.

Lifetime membership awarded at Harbour Mates dory races

Dory Rowers and their supporters gathered at the Ketch Harbour community wharf for the Harbour Mates Dory Club Second Annual Dory Races to witness rowers from Lockeport, Lunenburg, Herring Cove, Spryfield, Ketch Harbour and Sambro challenge one another to the friendly rivalry that has fueled this sport for many decades. Over 55 rowers raced in the ten races during the exciting 3 hour event. Although these races are primarily about having fun and introducing more people to the heritage sport of dory racing, a competitive flair is clearly evident in the performance of certain teams.

Todd Dempsey, a multiple international dory racing champ, took up oars with his daughter Fallon and rowed the third fastest time of all the 29 teams, finishing only one second behind the second fastest boat of, another international champ, Edward Dempsey and novice rower John Snyder. Though retired from the international arena Dempsey could not conceal his winning form and with novice rower Mike Purcell rowed the overall fastest time of the day. The many rowers who raced

for the first time deserve special recognition.

The bountiful silent auction and barbeque kept spectators busy between races. Many local businesses gave generously and folks kept the bid sheets busy making this a very successful fundraiser for the Dory Club.

Walter Nickerson, Lockeports' legendary rower whose career spans 35 years, was anxious to pull his oars across the finish line adding his signature dance moves as he prepared keeping the spectators amused. Lisa Tilley, another multiple international title holder, added to the festivities with her insightful commentating and humorous coaching. Steve Adams, Municipal Councillor, cheered from the wharf while Michele Raymond, M.L.A. also got into the fun and rowed. Behind the scenes were many hard working volunteers who are truly the secret to the success says Harbour Mates President Seana Brackett-Mills and Joann Farmer.

Many coastal communities share the tradi-

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Preventing neighbourhood decline

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with graffiti vandals to try and understand their subculture, and worked with the Spryfield and District Business Commission and the Community Response Team to undertake a graffiti removal project in Spryfield last year. This past month she had Council pass a motion to request a staff report proposing a

graffiti by-law.

Within the by-law, Mosher wants the rules to ensure businesses are responsible for cleaning up their properties. If a business fails to clean graffiti after a period of time, she says the city should do the work and bill the property owner through the tax system. She also wants the by-law to include "free paint over programs," financial assistance for graffiti

removal, community paint out projects, heritage and mural programs. She also wants the new law to include "responsible retailing" details making it illegal for persons under the age of 19 to purchase spray paints, aerosols or broad brush indelible markers.

"Graffiti artists tell us they will spend between \$100 and \$400 a week on supplies, alcohol and drugs," she says, adding that they have confessed that when their painting is done they will "hang around and vandalize playgrounds and other community assets."

"We need to educate the public on how serious and degrading to a community graffiti really is, ways to prevent it, how to remove it and to work with area businesses and others to stop graffiti and prevent neighbourhood decline."

Lifetime membership awarded

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tion of dory rowing and racing. Roots of this heritage sport are especially strong in Herring Cove, home to the first two rowers outside Lunenburg to represent Canada in the International Dory Races in Gloucester, Mass., Gerald Dempsey and Dick Naegle. The Henneberry family from Sambro, including Marty, Avery and Wesley, proudly represented Canada several times. Todd Dempsey, originally from Herring Cove, and dory mate Danny Brackett were undefeated throughout their dory racing career. The sight of their dory Perrywinkle pulling across Ketch Harbour from March to August inspired this next wave of rowers. Their generosity, encouragement, coaching and expertise ultimately formed the foundation of the Harbour Mates Dory Club. This was acknowledged as the final presentation of the day with an Honourary Lifetime membership presented to the Brackett-Dempsey team.

Harbour Mates Dory Club is very proud to have two new dories for use by members.

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Twenty-five businesses recruit locals through "Job Fair"

More than 25 businesses and service providers were available to local residents when the Human Resource Development Association Enterprise Limited (HRDA) Spryfield Employment Services Centre, in partnership with the South Centre Mall, held a community Career Fair at the South Centre Mall in Spryfield.

The luxury of attending the Career Fair as a business or service provider was that everyone had the opportunity to recruit and promote their services to potential candidates, while at the same time, raising awareness of their organization within the already vibrant community of Spryfield, says co-organizer Anton Lorde, Employment Development Officer with the Employment Services Centre.

Organizing such a large event took many months of planning, networking and finding the right mix of attendees to ensure the community would have a welcoming variety of businesses with which to connect. "The Career Fair as a huge success," said Lorde. "At this point there is no way to provide the total number of job seekers who attended, however, when speaking with many of the employers who attended the event, they advised that there was a steady flow of people throughout the day."

The Career Fair was not about any one person or organization; it clearly outlined that there are many employers within the HRM who value the skills of the residents of Spryfield, said Lorde. "Not only do they value them but they are willing to come into the community and recruit people right off the streets. It was our job to create the atmo-

sphere so the residents of Spryfield could benefit from this opportunity. The talent is defiantly here and the possibilities are endless."

The (HRDA) Spryfield Employment Services Centre has been providing a crucial service to the residents of Spryfield and beyond for almost three years. The Spryfield Employment Services Centre's mission is to create and provide employment and training

opportunities for people with barriers to employment and training.

"We see the need to support and give back to the community of Spryfield. The need is there and we will continue to act and accommodate. We welcome all faces and all races into our centre and are eager to assist. We hope to be in the same position next year to hold the same style of event, and who knows, it might even be larger," Lorde said.



Andrew Hebda, from Noel, and his two sheep were a big hit at this year's Urban Farm Museum's Harvest fair.

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The Lynch family of Ferguson's Cove left a lasting legacy

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

One member of the famous Lynch family is Bill Lynch, owner and operator of the Bill Lynch Show. During the 1950s and 1960s, many of us had an opportunity to enjoy the rides and the games of chance that the Bill Lynch Show offered on the Halifax Commons. Did you know that Bill Lynch was born in Ferguson's Cove in 1900? John Mathew (Jack), two years older than his brother Bill, was also associated with the Bill Lynch Shows. Jack lived at 5 Milton Drive in Jollimore at the time of his death in 1971. Brother Bill lived in Boulderwood, at 334 Purcell's Cove Road, when he died in 1972. Much of the documentation on Bill's life states he was born on McNab's Island, but he was four years old before his parents, Mathew and Josephine (Palmer) Lynch, moved from Ferguson's Cove to McNab's Island. Mathew was the light-house keeper from 1905 to 1932. He died in 1955 at the age of 90 years and was buried in Gate of Heaven cemetery.

The Lynch family of Ferguson's Cove was well known for other reasons. The men made a name for themselves as champion rowers all through the last half of the 1800s and into the 1900s, first in row boats, then in single and double shells. The first Lynch to arrive in Ferguson's Cove was another Mathew, the great-great grandfather of Bill Lynch. This Mathew Lynch, in his 1815 petition for land at Ferguson's Cove, said he was born in Ireland, served several years in the Imperial army and lived for 15 years in Ferguson's Cove. Mathew died in 1826 at the age of 75, according to the Acadian Recorder, leaving a widow, Mary (Quillan) Lynch, and five children.

John Lynch, the son of Mathew and Mary, was born in Ferguson's Cove in 1806 and baptized at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Halifax. In 1828, at St. Mary's Church in Halifax, he married Catherine Beazley, the daughter of William and Barbara (Steele) Beazley of Ferguson's Cove. John, a fisherman and champion rower, competed in a four-oared whaler with Thomas Beazley and others against fishermen from Herring Cove and Sambro. He died on 24 Jan. 1853 at the age of 47 years. His known children, listed in Ferguson's Cove school records in 1839 were: Barbara, age 11, Thomas, age 10, Mathew, age 9, Jeremiah, age 8, Bridget, age 5, and John, age 4. At least one more child, Michael, was born in the 1840s.

Mathew Lynch, John's son, also a fisherman, competed from 1857 and onward with John Brooks, Alexander Romkey and William Beazley, in a four-oared shell. They defeated most crews who challenged them. Mathew married Mary Ann Power of Herring Cove and the couple had seven sons and four daughters. He died in 1913 when he and two of his sons rowed to Halifax to cash a cheque. Mathew had been a volunteer in the Fenian raids in 1866 and, like other volunteers, was given a pension cheque for this service. The

excitement of receiving \$100 proved too much for him and he collapsed and died at the bank while endorsing the cheque. He is buried in Ferguson's Cove. He was the grandfather of Bill and Jack Lynch.

Mathew and Mary Ann's two youngest



Stone at Gate of Heaven Cemetery for Mark Lynch and his wife, Catherine Martin

sons, Michael (Mike), born in 1866, and Mark, born in 1868, proved themselves "invincible in flats" winning at home and abroad. On October 7, 1897, the Lynch brothers, challenged by John MacKay, competed in a double-sculled race, their first race ever in a shell. MacKay was a double-sculled world champion who, much to the dismay of the Lynch brothers, chose the experienced scull racer, R.N. Johnston, as his partner. The three-mile race in the Northwest Arm started in the area of Lawson's Mill (now the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron) with a turning point in the vicinity of Jubilee Road. In their new shell, the "George Brown," and wearing new racing uniforms, the Lynch brothers proved to be the stronger oarsmen and were awarded the stakes. John Mackay claimed it was the hardest race he ever rowed and considered the Lynch brothers "extra good men."

In September of 1898 the Lynch brothers were challenged by the world's most famous duo, Dunan and Rice of Toronto. In this three mile race in the Northwest Arm they led all the way, winning by several lengths.

Following the race, to everyone amazement, they rowed home to Ferguson's Cove. One month later, Mark married Catherine Martin of Ketch Harbour, the daughter of Edward and Katherine. They had one daughter, Mary, and three sons, Ernest, Roy and Carl.

Mark and Mike Lynch continued to meet and win all challenges, and often raced as part of a four-oared crew with their brother, William Lynch, and William Conway of Ferguson's Cove. Mark Lynch died in 1952 at the age of 85; his brother Mike died a year later. Until a few days before his death, Mark could be seen sculling in a single shell over the waters off Purcell's Cove. Mark and Mike Lynch are original Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

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3:30 p.m. Community Coffee House:
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12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Western HRM only area with "fire prevention committee"

Residents may not be aware but there is only one "Fire Prevention Committee" in HRM. The Western Region Fire Prevention Committee can and will provide specialized fire prevention services for residents served by the Sambro, Harrietsfield and Lakeside fire departments.

Spokesman John O'Toole, a 29 year volunteer firefighter stationed in Sambro, says the group serves residents as far west as Hubbards. "We provide free services to people who want to ensure their homes and businesses are as safe as possible from fire," he said, explaining that the committee's members will do woodstove, chimney, fireplace and furnace inspections. "We try to provide services for people in the western region of HRM," he said encouraging people to contact the office at 490-5993 if they have concerns about any of their heat sources or barbecue equipment.

But O'Toole says the committee is also focused on public education. "There are a number of circumstances and issues surrounding fire that people can prevent if they are aware of the consequences," he said.

One thing that often causes fire is people throwing cigarette butts out car windows. "These fire may not be devastating but they do cause property loss, wear and tear on fire-fighting equipment and remove safety crews from their state of readiness to attack other fires," says O'Toole suggesting these can be

prevented if people simply butt out in the ash-tray of their car.

Campfires and barbecues are another preventable cause of fires. Campfires are not legal in HRM and O'Toole says backyard marshmallow roasts may seem harmless but the department has had to be called on more than one occasion to stuff out an evening's entertainment.

He also suggested people should follow some simple safety procedures around their barbecues like making sure the equipment is not too close to combustible materials like curtains, clotheslines, patio furniture, railings and even napkins which can blow into a barbecue and be set ablaze.

O'Toole also suggests people use proper outdoor extension cords for electrical devices, ensure all electrical outlets are ground fault receptacles, make sure all Hallowe'en and Christmas lights meet CSA standards and leave safe distances between and electrical appliance and a swimming pool.

He said all fuel for lawnmowers and outdoor equipment should be stored out doors in "kid-proof" places and people should make sure their automobiles are well vented when refilling their propane cylinders.

"These are not difficult practices," said O'Toole, "but making sure people continual to be aware of safety procedures is the best way to prevent accidents from happening."

Business, residents invited to (Healthy Housing) sessions

From Sunday, October 15 to Tuesday, October 17, Healthy Housing, Healthy Community will be holding community conversations about how various factors in the built environment affect quality of life and well-being. A brochure on the subject was distributed along with the most recent edition of the Spryfield and District Business Commission newsletter.

Topics will include density, housing, transportation, public spaces, mixed uses (e.g.

housing, recreation and commercial), and environment. The plans include a mix of activities for children and youths, as well as adults, and a variety of food events and displays.

In particular the committee wants to invite business people to a lunch and conversation on Tuesday, October 17, from 12:00 to 3:30. "We anticipate many lively discussions throughout the three days and two evenings, and look forward to the participation of many community members," says organizer Kate Thompson.

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LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

A year ago at this time, Action for Neighbourhood Change was listening to what residents thought about Spryfield. Action staff interviewed seniors, went into schools and classrooms, listened to community groups and agencies, and carried out household surveys to hear the views and opinions of Spryfielders. Residents were asked what they like and don't like about their community, and changes they would make. Action also looked at a variety of data such as education, household income, and family types in central Spryfield.

The results, published in *We Are Spryfield, Our Community Profile 2006*, show that residents view Spryfield as a very friendly and caring community, and they treasure all the green space and waterways. They value local resources such as the Lions Rink, schools, businesses, and the Captain William Spry Community Centre with its swimming pool, library, recreation amenities, and meeting rooms. Residents also said they have some concerns about things like education, housing, and the environment. They also find the negative perceptions about Spryfield unjust and unfair, and they would like to see a greater variety of businesses and more employment opportunities.

CREATING A VISION

A community meeting in January and a dozen small-group meetings in the winter, all hosted by Action for Neighbourhood Change, fed into a Community Workshop on April 29. This enabled residents to get together and create a vision of the future for Spryfield. Residents brought forward a wealth of ideas and deeply-held values such as friendliness, caring, self-reliance and inclusiveness. These were crafted after the meeting into a vision statement, which then became a touchstone for those residents who signed up at the meeting and eventually formed Spryfield Community Action Coalition.



"Our vision for Spryfield in 25 years is of a vibrant, contemporary, evolving, planned, clean, active, inviting, green, innovative and model community."



A general feeling at the Community Workshop was, "We will proceed with vision, hope, and a positive attitude." Residents expressed a wide variety of ideas, such as:

- In 25 years Spryfield will be as friendly as it is now.
- It will be green and beautiful with places for people to walk, socialize, shop and work in the community.
- We'll have a volunteer resource centre and people will be active and engaged.
- Our strengths, spirit and pride will create a strong, innovative and diverse local economy.
- We'll have a safe community where our children and children's children can live, work and play.
- We'll have affordable day care, a teen drop-in centre, and places for seniors.
- Students will stay in school, we'll support adult literacy, and there'll be plenty of local jobs.
- We'll plan development wisely, restore and protect natural places, and create more parkland and play areas for all.
- There will be a wider variety of housing types, and a blend of stores, housing and public places.
- We'll have more leisure activities, such as summer concerts, a farmers' market, picnics at Kidston Lake, and outdoor movies.

TAKING ACTION

Things don't happen by themselves, so people have stepped up to the plate and are creating positive change. Action for Neighbourhood Change, with contributions from the Government of Canada, provided Action Grants for a variety of activities that fit the Vision for Spryfield.

- Tanis Crosby and YWCA Halifax: Feasibility study for Spryfield Multi-Service Centre for Families and Children to help families and children thrive, and increase availability of early learning and family programming.
- Carolyn Mont and the Captain William Spry Community Centre Board: Spryfield Community and Business Website, www.spryfield.ca, to provide an events calendar, ideas place, community information, and volunteer opportunities, along with easy access to programs, businesses, schools, churches and services.
- Reg Horner and Spryfield and District Business Commission: Spryfield Business Directory to encourage local residents to 'shop locally', available in hard copy and in searchable form on www.spryfield.ca
- John Brazner and McIntosh Run Watershed Association: Community Aquatic Monitoring (and Educational) Program, to engage and educate students, teachers and residents in the health and protection of McIntosh Run.
- Kris Allinson and the Spryfield Residents Association: Spryfield Residents Association Website www.spryfield.org to share information on meetings, committees, historical photos, maps, places of interest, and a message board.
- Martha Leary and Urban Farm Museum Society /Chebucto West Community Health Board: Greystone's Come Grow With Us to provide a curriculum and lesson plans and create a community garden established and maintained by residents.
- Betty Tibbo and Urban Farm Museum Society: Greystone Community Park by Greystone residents and Spryfield neighbours planting edible trees and shrubs to create a gathering place and beautify the area, and named Rainbow Park.
- Darlene MacLean and the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield: Spryfield Youth Arts Program to focus on photography, crafts, arts and cooking, with instruction from qualified teachers, access to studies, and supplies.



Action, along with Parks Canada, helped fund Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Nova Scotia Chapter to provide a Wilderness Camping Experience for local children and youths, many of whom attend programs at Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield. Action also provided transportation so that children from other schools could attend Skyhawk, the Musical, put on by students at Elizabeth Sutherland School.

Students of Dalhousie University, another partner of Action's, spent time in Spryfield examining the importance of trails, active transportation, community safety, and smart housing development. This academic link to the realities of community provides useful information to Spryfield. Action also supported the Spryfield Food Survey that was distributed to households in September.

National Film Board, with Action, trained local residents to produce four short documentary films in their 'Discover Spryfield' project. Governor's Brook – Back on the Map; No Boundaries; Guardian Ancestors; and Spirit of Spryfield will be screened in Spryfield this autumn. One of the documentaries made it into the Atlantic Film Festival. Congratulations! In addition to all of that, Action is announcing a second round of grants this month (see advertisement in this paper).

GETTING INVOLVED

Residents who want to make Spryfield even better have formed the Spryfield Community Action Coalition (SCAC). They believe that with lots of people helping out, there is a lot that can be done with local resources. They want to connect with groups and residents of all ages to move Spryfield forward. If you would like to get involved in making things happen, phone 475-3783.

Some changes for Spryfield will need assistance and connections from outside the community. To this end, United Way of Halifax Region has established a committee co-chaired by Councillor Stephen Adams, and Stephen Dempsey from United Way Board. Also included on the committee are Michèle Raymond, provincial MLA; Alexa McDonough, federal MP; Reg Horner and Peter Ainslie from Spryfield and District Business Commission; Darren Watts from Halifax School Board; and Mary Russell from Chebucto West Community Health Board.



Residents have shared their views and opinions, people have come together to create a vision of the future for Spryfield, good ideas are being translated into action, and politicians have joined forces to work together for Spryfield. We have started an exciting journey to achieve the 25-year vision for a vibrant and thriving Spryfield.



HRM one step closer to "high speed" ferry service – Mosher

By Linda Mosher, District 17 Councillor

We are finally one step closer to making high speed ferries a transportation option in HRM. Recently Council agreed to "Approve the Bedford/Halifax Fast Ferry project in principle subject to funding, and authorize staff to begin detailed work on the various aspects of the project including land development, facility design, regulatory issues, vessel design and construction and funding opportunities." To ensure that we maintained a broader focus, I added a third recommendation, which Council approved. "Continue to explore opportunities for other potential sites such as Purcell's Cove, Shannon Park, Birch Cove and Eastern Passage."

Although Regional Council endorsed my request to have a ferry from Purcell's Cove to downtown Halifax added to HRM's Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure request list in 2002,

I understand that Bedford has a more immediate need. Bedford has the most traffic congestion and new developments will soon add an additional 18,000 homes. Traveling at 27 knots, the trial ferry took only six minutes and fifteen seconds to go from the downtown to Purcell's Cove, and fifteen to go from Bedford to downtown.

Comprehensive market studies confirmed that a ferry is popular with commuters. The recommendation is to have parking near the ferry terminal and a shuttle service that would take commuters from downtown to destinations such as the hospitals and universities. The report mentioned various one way fees, including five dollars, which I found to be excessive.

Upon questioning staff, I learned that the fee structure included covering costs for parking, the shuttle and all capital costs such as vessels, and would make a profit after eight years. HRM's bus service only covers

about 75% of operating costs and no capital costs. There is no reason that ferry fees should be any different and should be established on an equitable basis. Staff admitted the difference and said that the fee was only a consideration for the report and not the final recommendation.

To me, fast ferry service is a "no-brainer." It will reduce green house gas emissions, minimize wear and tear and requirement for new infrastructure, save commute time and will be a wonderful way to utilize our watercourses. I am confident that this initiative will attract contributory funding from other levels of government. I look forward to the day these ferries begin operation, especially in Purcell's Cove.

On another traffic related note, the consultants are working on detailed designs to change the Armdale Rotary to an actual roundabout. Currently only the rules have changed to yield on entry but the circle does not include

the required large entry deflection based on geometric design principles. The work will include modifying all entrances to reduce entry speeds into the circle. There will be signage telling you where you need to be and the design will gear you in that direction. Additional modeling is being conducted and other changes may be incorporated such as combining the two St. Margaret's Bay lanes into one. The detailed design and cost estimates will come to Council for consideration in the next budget. Work is planned to start next Spring to be completed before September.

Every September the traffic at the rotary increases tremendously. This year is no exception. The excess traffic may look like the new rules aren't working during the weekday morning rush hour. In actuality, the rotary is not the problem, traffic is getting backed up on Quinpool and Chebucto. Simply, there are not enough lanes to remove the traffic. This was predicted by the consultants and why our regional plan included provisions for a lane reversal project on Chebucto Road. Similar to Herring Cove Road, during the morning peak we would have an extra lane inbound on Chebucto to allow the traffic to exit the circle. In the afternoon we would have an extra lane outbound. Although increasing the capacity of Chebucto has been in the works for years, at one time going to six lanes, the land acquisition has been controversial. Council asked staff to retain the services of a consultant to ensure that this is the best solution. The consultant has been in Halifax assessing this issue over the last week and his report will come to Council this fall.

Economic development takes all kinds – Raymond

My Michele Raymond, Halifax Atlantic MLA

There's an ongoing concern in Halifax Atlantic with "economic development." Constituents come to me with a variety of related concerns: need for advice in launching or expanding a business venture, need for work, or help in getting to work.

That's why, last week, I took the Minister of Economic Development on the road, to show him some of the highs and lows of the Halifax Atlantic economy, and how they are affected by provincial policy.

The tour came out of questions I had put to the minister this summer, during the annual Estimates debates on the provincial budget. I asked him to think about infrastructure as more than sewer, water and roads. Simply, I asked him how any economy can thrive without public transit, or the childcare that allows a small child's parents to work.

The provincial budget is a sign, just like any family budget, of what the governing party values. Do we spend more on pizza or potatoes? Building roads or running buses? Payroll rebates or social assistance? Do we fix the roof now, or borrow money later to fix the roof and the ruined floor under it?

Our tour was, I hope, a chance for the minister to see how some of the province's answers to those questions impact a given community, and how they can be magnified by geography.

In an afternoon, we took a windshield tour

of Halifax Atlantic, driving the Sambro Loop and briefly visiting with a few members of the business community in Spryfield and in Sambro, and with other members of the community at large.

We saw Sambro Fisheries and the Herring Cove Road, the Harrietsfield industrial park, where boats are built for the export market, fine stone is cut, and forklifts are repaired. We saw old industrial sites that have been cleaned up and reused, and some that haven't. We talked about the need for clean, safe drinking water wherever people are living, whether or not they are on central water and sewer systems.

We talked about the need for childcare in the community. Why would anyone want to take their children out of the area, come back to work here, and then go back to pick up their children at the end of the work day, before returning home? This makes the cost of working prohibitive for many young families. It also may help explain the declining number of young adults, and of preschool children in Halifax Atlantic, down from 1711 in 1991 to 1228 in 2001, while the rest of the population is growing. We need at least some childcare subsidies that will be used here, and sustain childcare centres that let our young families live and work here.

In Sambro, we talked about the trouble crewing boats, when young workers are going west. We drove along miles of roads where no bus runs, and I told the minister about people

who have had to quit work when their insurance premiums got so high they couldn't afford a car any more.

We talked about taxation; how the end of business occupancy tax has helped refill empty buildings, and how skyrocketing residential property taxes are emptying some communities.

We talked about that phenomenon I call the "urban shadow," like the desert rain shadow area in the lee of a large mountain, and how it covers much of Halifax Atlantic, with service responsibilities often unclear or undecided.



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Sign petition to cut tuition fees, says Fairview MLA

By *Graham Steele, Halifax Fairview MLA*

The cost of education is a major concern for today's families. Nova Scotia has the highest tuition fees in Canada. They are \$2,224 higher than the national average. Despite a lot of talk, tuition fees are still increasing here in Nova Scotia, while in five other provinces fees are either frozen, or have been rolled back.

Nova Scotia is one of only three provinces that does not offer needs-based grants so young people of modest means can better afford a good education or job training. Our province has become the least affordable place in North America, to obtain a post-secondary education.

That trend must change for the better. It can be changed, very soon. New federal money for post-secondary education will be available within weeks. There will be \$14 million more in this fiscal year, and another \$14 million in 2007-08. That federal money must be used to cut the cost of higher education now, and to make training more accessible.

This is Nova Scotia's best opportunity ever to cut tuition fees. The fees need to be cut. Needs-based grants should be provided. Yet, our provincial Conservative government is still not committed to cutting fees and improving student aid at the first available opportunity. That's why I and my NDP colleagues are giving you a way to help cut Canada's highest tuition fees.

At our "Cut the Fees" website (www.cutthefe.ca) you can add your voice to the list of those urging quick action to cut tuition fees. People can publicly or privately add their name to the list of those who are speaking out.

The web site also gives students, their parents and friends the opportunity to provide

comments, keep in touch, volunteer and increase our knowledge of the student debt problem in this province.

If the government has not acted before the fall sitting of the House, which is expected to begin in mid-November, we will use the names and information from this site to press the issue in the legislature.

Every year, my colleagues and I hear from more young people and more families who

simply cannot afford to continue their education. We hear from young Nova Scotians who go elsewhere, where fees are lower. Some may never return.

We can not sit on our hands while enrolment falls and young Nova Scotians are turned away by financial barriers. Our Caucus will work with young people and their families to promote this site and keep up the pressure for early action to cut the fees.

We have shown before that we can force the Conservatives do the right thing, when they have exhausted every other option. It worked on long-term care. It worked on cutting the taxes on home heating.

We believe we can gain the necessary action on tuition fees, with enough public pressure and attention. I encourage Nova Scotians to keep up the pressure and to participate in this effort, by using www.cutthefe.ca.

Community upgrades underway in several place

By *Stephen Adams
Councillor District 18*

The bridge over McIntosh Run will soon be gone and a new structure built in the near future. However, there will be a period of time whereby there will be nothing in place to allow safe crossing. Although unavoidable, the finished product will be worth the wait. Our plans are to have this in place and finished by October.

Although slow in coming, a new set of swings will be installed at Central Spryfield School. The challenges our staff faced included, but were not limited to, a lack of space, staffing and timing of the construction season. In speaking with staff, the differences in costs between HRM staff and a private contractor were significant. After discussions with staff, I decided to have our staff install the equipment. The difference in the price will be turned over to the school for additional improvements. I will discuss these options directly with Mr. MacAskill, Central Spryfield School Principal, to determine any outstanding needs.

Anyone traveling on Herring Cove Road beyond Roach's Pond has experienced a delay or two with regard to the road and drainage work. This has taken longer than expected. In the next column I will have the rationale for the delay.

As the hockey season is upon us, the improvements to the Spryfield Lions Arena are progressing, slowly but surely. As of the writing of this article, the humidifiers have been installed and are operational. I have asked for protective netting around the ice surface to protect fans from flying pucks. On that note I wish our local teams a successful and safe season.

In early September I addressed Regional Council with respect to the Herring Cove Water and Sewer project. As you may recall, Council approved approximate charges of \$12,500 per

property for both services. The costs have increased. We are working with our staff to access additional resources. Our goal is to keep the costs as close to \$12,500 as possible. Council is well aware of the circumstances and has agreed, unanimously, for staff to help defray the costs. A report to Council is expected on October 10. At that time we will look at options that have been brought forward.

Council continues to request additional resources from other levels of government as well. As you can appreciate, the magnitude of this project in the water and sewer category is at the high end of the scale. As such, the phasing has become more prominent. The next phase will be awarded this year, however, construction may not begin until spring.

NDP putting Canadians, and families first

By *Alexa McDonough
Halifax MP*

I spent the summer months meeting with and listening to constituents. Many have expressed appreciation for the efforts of the NDP caucus who consistently stand up for working families. That's why progressive Canadians are uniting behind Jack Layton's leadership.

Last spring the NDP emerged as the effective opposition in Ottawa. Already this spring, the NDP achieved real results on the national stage. Like winning all-party support for a Seniors Charter ensuring free drug and dental coverage for everyone over 65.

Our strong NDP caucus is up to the job of balancing the Conservatives, unlike the divided Liberals who keep enabling the worst of the Harper government.

Meet Stephen Harper's Liberal backers. Exposing her retreat on climate change, the NDP moved for the Environment Minister's resignation, but then the Liberals retreated too and blocked the vote. The NDP opposed Mr. Harper's ill-defined fighting mission in Afghanistan, but just enough Liberals voted to give him a blank cheque. The NDP opposed the Harper-Bush NORAD deal that opens back doors to Canadian participation in US missile defence, but it passed with Liberal support. Enough Liberals teamed up with the Conservatives to defeat the NDP motion to stop the cosmetic use of cancer-causing pesticides in our neighbourhoods.

This fall, step by step, we'll keep fighting to make life better for average families. And we'll keep standing up to a Conservative government that's pushing Canada down the wrong track.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

BANFIELD (Yeadon), Winnifred A. - 85, Parkstone Enhanced Care, Halifax, passed away with her loving family at her side. Born and raised in Spryfield, she was a daughter of the late William P. and Winnifred A. (Jarrett) Yeadon. Surviving are brothers, Ron (Marge), Bill, Bernie (Nancy); sisters, Dorothy, Theresa (Cyril Thorne); and sister-in-law, Ruth (Yeadon). Aunt Win had an amazing ability to remember important dates and she will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Cecil Banfield; brothers, Bobby, Malcolm, John, Harry; sisters, Margaret, Rita, Mary, Helen, Hilda; brothers-in-law, Alfred White, Charlie Stephenson, Carl Manuel, Roland Cleveland; and sister-in-law, Vera Yeadon. The family would like to thank the former and present staff of Shannex Parkstone Enhanced Care, Sullivan's Lane, for the loving and compassionate care given to "Winnie" over the years. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd. Interment was in Oakridge Memory Gardens.

THOMPSON, Donelda Marie "Nellie" - 53, Spryfield, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family in the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII. Born in Africville, she was a daughter of Stanley Carvery and the late Evelyn Thompson. Nellie had been employed as a personal care worker with Arborstone Enhanced Care since 1975. She was past president, vice-president, recording secretary and shop steward of CUPE, having served on the Labour Management and Quality of Life Committees. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Africville Genealogical Society, where she also served on the church committee. She was an active volunteer with the Provincial Black Basketball Association. Nellie was a loving, caring lady who touched the hearts of everyone she met. Her smile and her friendship to all will forever be

remembered. She is survived by her daughter, Teanna Thompson, Halifax; her companion, Pat Jackson; sisters, Hope (Brian), Truro; Angela (Donald), Toronto; Patsy, Tracey (Raymond), Velma and Diane, all of Halifax; brothers, Finnie (Bette), Halifax; Michael, Victoria, B.C.; Leonard (June), Sackville; Paul (Joan), Hammonds Plains; Calvin, Halifax; Stanley Jr., Edmonton, Alta.; Terrance (Heather), Halifax; Spencer (Lynn), Sackville; Darrell (Kelly), Halifax; Dwight, Halifax; and Cory (Michelle), Sackville; her godchildren, Nicole and Katrina; as well as many special aunts and uncles, and numerous nieces and nephews. Nellie was predeceased by her mother, Evelyn; her stepfather, Leroy David; brother, Kenny Carvery; grandparents, Daisy and Clarence Carvery, and also many other members of the Thompson and Carvery families. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd. Interment has taken place in St. John's Anglican Cemetery.

BANKS, Geraldine "Gerri" - "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Mrs. Gerri Banks lived her life believing that she could make a difference by being a person of faith. Her day began with God and the choices she made were determined through prayer, meditating on scripture, and the simple determination to be the person God called her to be. Because of this, she was able to give to her family, church and community, an example we each sought to emulate. Born June 14, 1929, in Scott's Bay, Kings Co., she ultimately left to live her life in Halifax, devoted to her husband, John, and son, Barry. Soon after moving to Halifax, she and her husband became associated with The Salvation Army, and through that church community, she lived a life of practical holiness. She attended to foster children, became a known contact in Spryfield for people in need, and gave herself

enthusiastically to a variety of Salvation Army ministries. For over 30 years, she ministered at Walker's Funeral Home, playing the organ for countless funerals. True to her rich spirit, she not only played the organ, but she would also write letters to those who had lost loved ones to support them in their grief. Later in life, not content to sit in church, her joy was to be with her children in Fairview Salvation Army, sharing her stories and theirs. With deep gratitude, she will be forever a part of the lives of her husband, John; son, Barry; grandchildren, Matthew and Tiffany. Also included in her legacy are her sisters, Norma and Gwen, and her brothers, Covert, Wilber and James. She was predeceased by her parents, Maude and Ozrow, and sisters, Abbie and Vesta. James 3:18 states: "Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness." These words are Gerri Banks. Those who she has touched are the harvest. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd.

MYLES, Frank Dean - 46, Herring Cove, loving husband of Marlene (Parsons) Myles, passed away at his residence. Born in Burgeo, N.L., he was a son of the late John and Nina (Courtney) Myles. Frank enjoyed fishing and carpentry. His cherished grandson, Luke, and treasured granddaughter, Jaymie Lynn, meant the world to him. Frank dearly loved his wife, Marlene, and they had recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, his children, Terry (Crissy), Trenton, Ont.; Ron (Angela), Halifax, and Sherri Morris (Kirkland), Toronto; grandson, Luke; granddaughter, Jaymie; brothers, Alan and Jack; sisters, Loretta, Joyce, Robena, and Betty; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd.

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Hockey Auction

The Chebucto Atlantic Atom "AAA" team will be hosting an auction, dinner and dance at the Herring Cove Fire Hall on Saturday, November 11 at 7 p.m. The team is raising

money to travel to Hanover, New Hampshire in late November where they will be participating in a hockey tournament. Everyone is welcome to attend, tickets will be sold at the door. Anyone wishing to make an donation

can reach Kim Ritcey at 477-9558 or Christina Withers at 479-3138.

runs from Sep 28 to Oct 14 at 8 p.m. with one Matinee on Thanksgiving Sunday at 2 p.m.

TAG's Annual Holiday Pantomime

TAG's Annual Holiday Pantomime, Ali Baba and the Seven Thieves, runs November 30 to December 16, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday afternoons Dec 3, 9, 10, 16 at 2 pm and evening performances at 8 pm Nov 30, Dec 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16. Directed by Rebecca Humphreys, Eric Rountree and Cheryl Theriault with Musical Direction by Bunny Shore and Produced by Michele Moore, this promises to be a wonderful holiday experience. For more information please contact Cheryl Theriault at 492-0838.

Mixed Dart League

A Friday Night Mix Dart League is beginning at the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre. Games get under way at 7:30 pm. Come join the fun. For further information call Rene Quigley at 477-8749.

Swordfish Supper

St. James United Church, Sambro, 3811 Old Sambro Road, will hold a Swordfish Supper on Saturday, October 14 from 4 to 6 pm. Adult portion \$10; Child portion \$5.00. Everyone Welcome. For information call Crystal Gilkie at 868-2939.

Fire Prevention Week

The Western Zone Fire Prevention Committee will celebrate Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 15 from 9 am to 3 pm in the Sobey's parking lot in Tantallon. On scene "vehicle extrication," a children's combat challenge, food, prizes and fun. Bring the family and learn more about Fire Prevention.

Police Meetings

The Halifax Regional Police will hold Town Hall meetings Wednesday October 4 at St. James Anglican Church, 2668 Joseph Howe Drive, and Wednesday October 25 at St. Peter's Church Hall, 1091 Ketch Harbour Road, Ketch Harbour. Both meetings begin at 7 pm.

McIntosh Run Meeting

The McIntosh Run Watershed Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month in conference room 1 at the Captain William Spry Center at 7 pm. All welcome. For information contact John Brazner - President - 446-5342 or Paula Lawlor - Secretary - 477-7118.

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Legion Photos Wanted

Shelley Dean is gathering photos to create a "Memorial Collage" of photos of legion members who have passed on, pictures of founding members and of the ladies auxiliary. Residents are asked to e-mail or drop photos off at the Legion with their names and telephone numbers attached. All photos will be returned. Please contact Shelley at shelleydean@eastlink.ca or call 479-0583.

Seedy Saturday

Folks are being encouraged to start saving seeds now for Urban Farm Museum Society's Seedy Saturday, March 18, 2007.

TAG Presentation

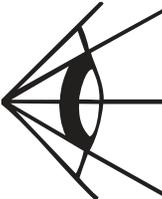
The Theatre Arts Guild will present Skylight by David Hare, with direction from Angela Butler. Skylight, opening September 28th, is an exciting test of willpower, love, lust and ideals between Kyra and Tom. To see which of these prevails, you need to make your reservation now. Don't miss this dynamite show, make a date now and reserve your seats at 477-2663 or www.tagtheatre.com. Show



Travis Rose, of the Harrietsfield Williamswood Minor Baseball Association, won this year's Peewee Division Hit Run and Throw provincial competition with a total score of 456.8.



The team of Erica Moore of Spryfield and Katherine Ryan of Halifax took the gold medal in the Under 17 Eastern Elite Beach Volleyball Championships held at Parlee Beach.



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