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Kelly Street development opens door to possible bus extension

By Linda Mosher
 Councillor District 17

As we wind down summer I am taking this opportunity to provide an update on a municipal bussing issue which arises out of a development project at the former Keddy property on Kelly Street.

Back in 2003, after the public process, Halifax Regional Council approved an amend-

ment to the Municipal Planning Strategy to allow a multiple unit residential building, two assisted living facilities, and townhouses which could be built by development agreement. After the amendments were made, no development agreement applications were brought forward until after the property was sold.

In 2005, the new owner, made an application for a multiple unit residential building. Subsequently, after a public information meet-

ing and public hearing process, a development agreement was negotiated between HRM and the new owner of the lands, Killam Investments Limited. Recently the owner has decided not to sign the development agreement and therefore, the lands revert back to the existing zoning which is R2/R3. This now allows them to proceed by-right to develop semi-detached dwellings as permitted in the R2 zone. The R3 zoned portion may have additional development potential if it can be demonstrated that all requirements of the Land Use By-law can be met.

Development services are currently reviewing a subdivision application for concept approval showing the development of the property "by-right." The R2 development of the

property includes the connection of Kelly Street through to Osborne Street. If the development meets the requirements of this zoning, it is approved by the HRM Development Officer with no requirement for Council or public consultation. At the public sessions concerns were expressed about the connection; however, the land owner has the right to connect the streets if they meet the "by-right" zoning requirements. At the same time, many residents in Stoneridge had been requesting Metro Transit extension of bus service directly to their subdivision. Due to the road configuration and the existing routes, it was not deemed feasible. However, now that Kelly Street will be connected, Metro Transit is assessing possible service to Stoneridge.



Construction at the Armdale Rotary is behind schedule a couple of weeks, mainly due to workers uncovering unknown infrastructure. But officials are aware that September is here and have made plans to keep traffic lanes open during peak morning and afternoon rush hours.

Rene Quigley supporting his community with energy and himself

By Reg Horner
 Editor

Sitting on my doorstep, I've seen him drive past my house. There was no glance in from the mini van. No knowledge that I was there. No wave. But from where I sat, there was a definite air of self satisfaction in his demeanour. He was obviously pleased about something. And while it might appear that his satisfaction is rooted in some evil world of egotism. It is not. It is rooted in his desire to

impress, and gain respect from, no one other than himself. It is the essence of what drives Rene Quigley to succeed.

And why shouldn't he be pleased with himself. The recreation centre is up and running. There's a new \$60,000 playground adjacent the rink. The city is contracted to the rink. The Lions Club he champions as King Lion is becoming more familiar in the community. And although membership is a key issue, he knows exposure is the only sure cure for the membership cancer that is eating away at all service clubs.

Rene's been here a long time. He is, after all, married to Sandra Whitehead. They live on Whitehead Road, named after Sandra's family.

He's a union man, working in the labour movement for more than 30 years or "forever" as he would tell you. But he seemed to burst on the scene about 2002 or so, upon his retire-

see "Rene" pg. 2

Local bridges being repaired

Tenders have been called for bridge rehabilitation on the Long Cove Bridge and the Pennant River Bridge, both west of Sambro.

"Keeping roads and bridges in good repair improves safety and comfort for drivers," Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public

Works said in making the announcement. "I am very pleased to see these projects moving forward."

Long Cove Bridge is a single span timber structure located on Long Cove Road. Pennant River Bridge is a two span timber structure located at Pennant Harbour. These projects are expect-

ed to be completed by the end of November.

The bridge tenders are the latest infrastructure improvements in the Sambro area. Road improvements are ongoing on 4.5 kilometers of Route 306, from Acres Road southeasterly to the intersection of Route 349 and Route 306.

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ment, to all of sudden becoming increasing important to the Lions Club, eventually moving into the King Lions space he's occupied for the past four years.

Since that time the Lions Club has expanded its presence in the community. He's encouraged fellow Lion Vic Eisen to hold even more "Road Tolls" at busy parking lots to raise money, and awareness of the Club, for various organizations. The "Business Bowling Challenge," supporting the local boys and girls club, and of course creating profile for the Club. They've gone to sev-

eral retail outlets asking that they be able to promote collection of used glasses, for use in third world countries, and of course to create awareness of the Club. He started Saturday afternoon crib tournaments, began marketing the Lions Den harder, and, most importantly, he involved as many Lions members and community activists as he could.

But these were small projects Rene inspired. He then set his sights on the money losing bingo hall, turned it into a recreation centre, and is now actively marketing the site and being fed by a stream of compliments from HRM, the Councillor, its users and community residents. The "centre" by the way,

also includes a study hall for kids and members of the boys and girls club.

No enough yet, he then co-authored an application with the boys and girls club, applied for a grant to achieve a playground virtually for no money, and gained a \$60,000 KaBOOM Project of Home Depot to build the playground. The application was one of more than 5,000 received by the company.

Rene is not shy to tell people that he is proud to have lived for many year in Spryfield before building his home in Harrietsfield. He has respect for the people and always said each one of us should put a little bit back into the community, whatever that little bit may be. By the way, Rene's a proud New

Democrat and freely admits it. Heck, his wife Sandra, is President of the Halifax Atlantic NDP organization. You can ask if he has political intentions if you like. My guess is you won't get anything near a black and white answer.

But whether the answer is yes or no is not important. The one constant thing, is that you'll get from Rene, the genuine efforts of a man willing to put his heart, his soul, his creative talents, his work and even his back, into projects that have already and, hopefully, will continue to improve the community in which we live. More than supporting his community with interest and perhaps dollars, Rene has supported his community with himself

Spryfield involved in "Food Research Project"

Interest in food is growing, and Spryfield and Antigonish are major players in a food research project out of Mount St. Vincent and St. Francis Xavier Universities.

"Planting the Seeds for Food Security in Nova Scotia" is exploring the barriers that make it difficult for consumers to buy local produce, and for Nova Scotia farmers to sell produce in their home province. As well, the research project hopes to identify possible solutions to contribute to a vibrant provincial food system, one that is environmentally sustainable, socially just, and economically viable.

Three sectors are involved in the project: university researchers; Business

Development from the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture; and people and groups from Spryfield and Antigonish who are interested in food. The research will involve a survey of assets related to local food systems as well as focus group discussions in each community.

In a separate undertaking, Food for Life and the Urban Farm Museum Society are starting the "Farmer to You" food box project, which will bring meat, fruit and vegetables from Nova Scotian farmers to Spryfield. To learn more about these projects, phone CCDA (Chebucto Communities Development Association) at 477-0964.



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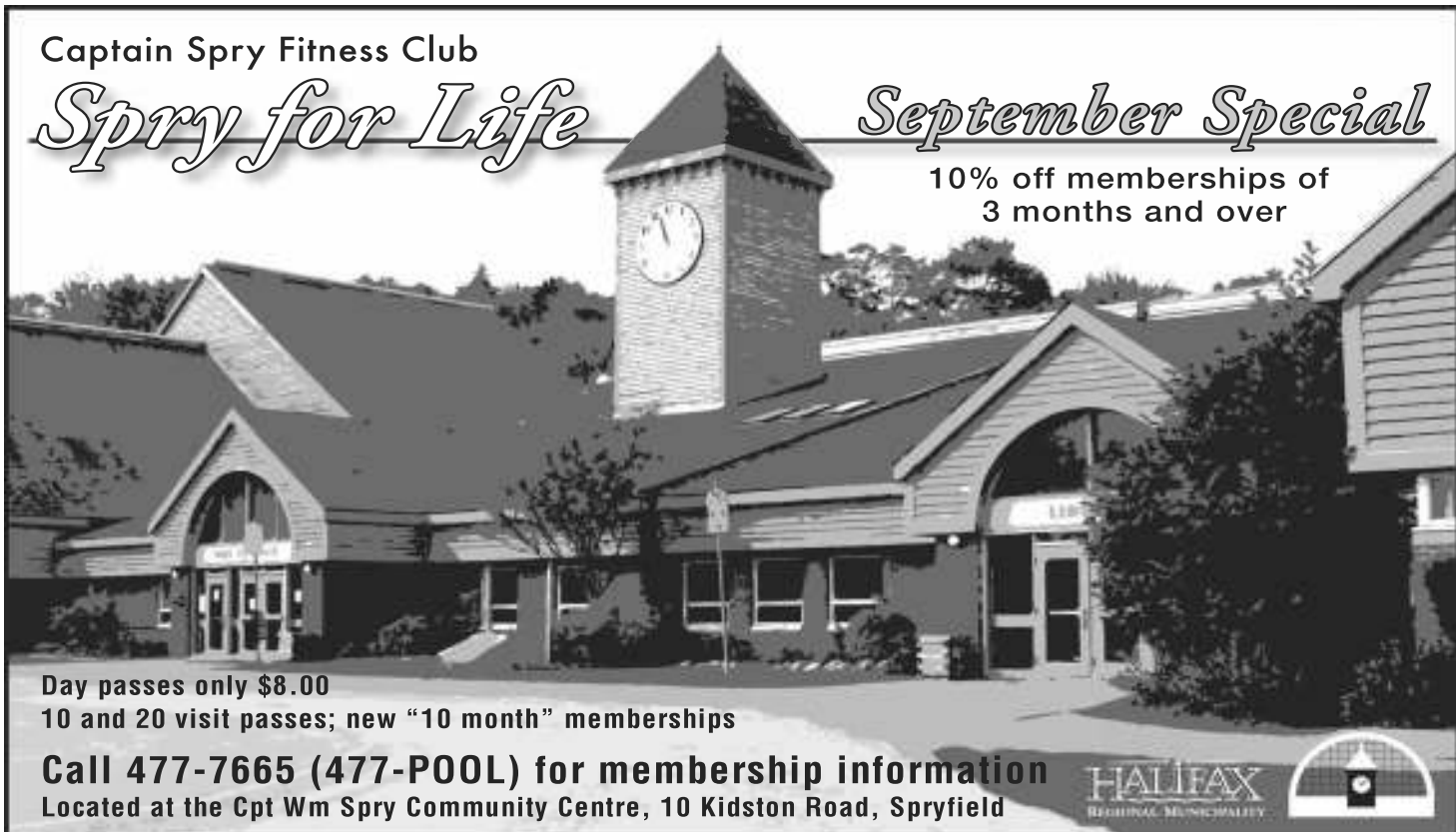
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Halifax Chebucto Ringette gears up for new season

By David Cunningham, President
Halifax Chebucto Ringette Association

The Halifax Chebucto Ringette Association (HCRA) is preparing for registration for the 2007-8 season. Last year's players are anxious to hit the ice again and experience the fast-paced camaraderie of this unique Canadian ice sport.

HCRA's territory extends from Sambro through to Rockingham. We offer programs from age 4 (must be 5 by March 31, 2008) to 18 years old. There are opportunities for adults to play as well.

HCRA's programs meet the needs of players of all levels. The recreational player will enjoy the fun of team play while developing ringette skills at her own pace. The competitive

player will discover outlets for more intense play and will have the opportunity to represent Nova Scotia on one of the Provincial teams. All players will benefit from the dedication of our coaches, who, while for the most part are volunteer parents, offer a high level of dedication and competence to our players. Indeed 13 of our coaches have achieved a Level 2 designation under the NCCP training program.

Aside from regular season play, which includes one game per week, practices, plus a Provincials tournament, players may have the opportunity to compete in recreational tournaments in Sackville, Dartmouth, Moncton and PEI. Post season and summer ringette opportunities also abound for those who are reluctant to hang up the blades in the spring or who wish to

sharpen their skills prior to the next season.

The youngest players, Bunnies (age 4-6), initially spend their practice time on skills development. The Bunnies eventually participate in Round-ups where they test their skills in friendly games with other associations. Later in the season, Bunnies can play full games in tournaments such as the annual Moncton Ringette Tournament.

Ringette is the fastest game on ice according to the Ringette Canada web site: ringette.ca. Ringette is a Canadian game, first introduced in 1963 in North Bay, Ontario, and was specifically developed for girls. It is a fast-paced team sport on ice in which players use a straight stick to pass, carry, and shoot a rubber ring to score goals.

Ringette in the Halifax Regional Municipality has just come off a tremendous season wherein both the Atlantic and Canadian Ringette Championships took place in our community. Ringette lovers mounted a stunning volunteer effort to make both of those events an unqualified success. Thirty-five HCRA players and eight members of local coaching and bench staff were full participants in these important tournaments. That is a testimony to the quality of player development taking place within the HCRA community. One local player, Kerith Gordon, just 16, has

been selected to the Canadian National Ringette Team's 30 player roster.

At the 11th Annual IKON Sport Awards HCRA was selected as Ringette Association of the year for Ringette Nova Scotia. As well, the Director of Coaches, Steve Fowler and, again, Kerith Gordon, received IKON awards for Ringette Coach and Player of the Year for RNS respectively.

Ringette for all players is just plain "fun." Win or lose, the girls often linger in the dressing rooms, chatting and laughing, long having put the game behind them.

Registration dates for the coming season are as follows: Tuesday, August 28, and Thursday, Sept. 6, 6-9:30PM, Sobey's Community Room, Herring Cove Road. A gear exchange will take place during the registrations. Used gear will be available for purchase as well as ringette sticks. You are welcome to bring your own gear to the exchange as long as it is identified and bears the asking price.

A "Discover Ringette" activity is planned for mid-September which will include an opportunity to hit the ice and try our game. That will also include a late registration for new players. Details will be on our web site www.chebuctoringette.com.



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Long military history delays development of Melville Cove as a community

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

British ownership of the land in and around Melville Cove delayed the development of that community until after 1900. The British Admiralty acquired the land in 1804 and sold Melville Island and its prison buildings to the British Army in 1856. The British Army, in turn, sold Melville Island to the Canadian government in 1905. It was not until 1907 that the remaining land, including what is now known as Deadman's Island, Melville Cove and Cowie Hill, was sold by the British Admiralty to Charles Longley, a Halifax shipbroker. The price was "863 Pounds Sterling."

Until Longley bought the land, Deadman's Island was not considered an island. It was part of the peninsula that extended into the Northwest Arm, creating a sheltered cove. In 1908 Longley cleared and excavated sections of the point of land known as Target Hill, causing it to appear as an island when the tide was high. He built an Amusement Park with a large pavilion and an adjoining two-story house near the north point of the island and called it Melville Park. When he uncovered bones from the bodies of prisoners of war, buried there between 1803 and 1815, the name Deadman's Island and Deadman's Cove came into being.

Longley subdivided his remaining land into 79 lots and began selling them in 1909 for summer cottages. The Amusement Park and the sale of lots was not a great money-maker for Longley. His finances began to deteriorate in the 1920s when his schooner "Admiral Beatty," carrying smuggled liquor into Shelburne, was apprehended and confiscated by Customs. In 1927 Longley wrote on a photograph he had taken of his land at the Northwest Arm "This is all my land stolen from me by the authorities in Ottawa." His "Rum Running" days had caught up with him and banks foreclosed on his mortgages. Family members say he died a bitter man.

In 1920 Melville Island Road began at the head of the Arm and joined the Herring Cove Road at the end of what is now Braeburn Road. That land, part of the Hosterman estate, had been subdivided and sold years earlier. Peter Marryatt, James Drysdale and Gabriel Edmonds (Edmonds Ground) were among its owners. John Egan owned Egan's Ground where St. George's Greek Orthodox Church is today. James Drysdale, Charles Longley, Mathew Kiley and Arthur Castel gave their addresses as Melville Cove. Mrs. Alice Waugh, widow of Charles, lived in "Grandalough," Melville Cove. Colin Mullock had a grocery store and residence on Melville Cove Road; Edward Forward, who worked for the telephone company, lived on Melville Cove Road until he moved to Jollimore in 1938.

Summer residents made up the majority of those who actually lived in the Cove. The newest section of road, from Melville Island to the Dingle gates, was referred to as Dingle Road. Living along that stretch of road in 1920 were John Gorman, Howard Cameron, Otis Cox and Howard Kelly. Summer residents who purchased their lots from Longley in 1909 to 1911 were Howard Kelly, Daniel Wood, Thomas Moffatt, Charles Prescott, George Sutherland and Henry Bennet. By 1924 most lived in Melville Cove year round.

The Cove's population increased considerably during the last half of the 1920s and first half of the 1930s. Names like William Annand, George Buell, Aylmer Burton, Thomas Martin, Ralph McDonald, William O'Connell and Benjamin Wallace were listed as residents in 1928, and John A. Bennett operated a grocery store. Joseph Wild soon arrived with his family.

In 1930 Deadman's Island and Longley's pavilion and house were bought by A.J. Davis (Davis operated an Amusement Park on McNab's Island and sold his interest in that

venture to Bill Lynch of the Bill Lynch Shows). Davis used the pavilion on Deadman's Island as a dance hall which he called Kealoah and the grounds were restored as a pleasure park. Alfred and Mabel Johnson moved their family into the Longley house which was still attached

lived in the large three-family residence (shown in the photo), namely Sergeants Preston Archibald Morris, Frederick Coppell and Martin Kelly. The cook, Charles O'Brien, lived in the prison barracks. The Chief Warden, Sgt. Major William Cox, lived in the original officers' residence, built in 1808 and, today, occupied by the Armdale Yacht Club. Sergeants Harry Baigent and Percy McDermott moved their families into the Assistant Warders' residence in 1924, followed by Corporal David Conway. Sergeant Major John Monaghan and his family occupied the Chief Warden's house. In 1939, when the Canadian Ordnance Corps took over Melville Island and used the buildings for storing and distributing ammunition, the military families were relocated. Melville Island was no longer used as a prison.

Following World War II the Canadian Army vacated Melville Island. In 1947 the island and its buildings were leased to the Armdale Yacht Club. In 1950 the

Assistant Warders' residence, abandoned for many years, was torn down. Houses on the water side were relocated or torn down in order to widen the road through Melville Cove. More families continued to take up residence and Melville Cove is now a well-established residential community. Descendants of some of those first families continue to live there.



Assistant Warders' or Guards' residence overlooking Deadman's Cove in Melville Cove, 1910.

to the dance hall. Gidney's store and Arthur Gilkie's boatyard were established in the 1930s on the water side of Melville Cove Road. Harrison James built Shady Rest canteen across the road.

In addition to the permanent residents listed above, there were military people living on Melville Island. In 1920 Assistant Warders

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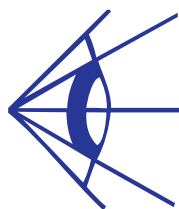
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Speed and red light cameras efficient tools for police – Mosher

By Linda Mosher
District 17 Councillor

Recently there has been much publication of speeding and drag racing in the media. Drag racing is an issue in our area, particularly on the North West Arm Drive. As my home backs onto this highway, I can hear the engines racing. However, even if I call the police, it is difficult for them to catch the racers as it happens so fast and then they are gone. The broader issue is really speeding and inattentive driving, which is much more prevalent than racing. These are behavioral issues that need to be changed.

Historically impaired driving and driving without seat belts were common and it may

have taken awhile but these behaviours have changed. HRM Police Department (HRP) and in particular, the dedicated traffic section, are committed to dealing with driving infractions. Last year they issued 36,000 tickets. If we continue on our current tracking, there will be 46,000 driving infraction tickets issued by HRP in 2007.

When I discuss the issue with Police Chief Frank Beazley, he says "People have to slow down, everyone is in a hurry. They are putting themselves and others at risk." The Chief sees the tragedies and asks, is it worth risking a life to get somewhere a few seconds faster? In 2006 HRM had 14 fatality accidents. So far, in 2007 there have been 19! Speed has been the predominant issue.

HRP can't be everywhere 24/7 conducting checks and radar. They need the tools such as speed and red light cameras to supplement enforcement. Chief Beazley, HRM's Board of Police Commissioners, and Halifax Regional Council have requested these tools since 2004. We have asked the provincial government to give us the legislative authority to use them. This technology is used throughout the world and their experience has shown that there is a major reduction in fatalities, major injuries and traffic crashes. This must be approved in the fall session of the legislature - people are dying and we should not have to wait any longer.

There is no cost for HRP to implement them, companies will set up the City and run the program. Signage is posted saying "speed is monitored in HRM." They assist in subpoenas and setting up trials. A Police Sergeant is required a couple hours a day to review cases. If someone breaks the law they receive a still photo with their summons and can access the actual video through the internet. The same is

true for people who fail to stop at red lights. They cannot claim it is a "tax grab" as you don't have to pay if you don't speed and you are notified through signage that the area may use these cameras.

Speed cameras are another tool to make our communities safer. Anywhere they have been used, they have reduced fatalities and accidents have dropped. Opponents may say privacy is an issue, however, it doesn't identify who is in the car, just the plate and vehicle.

The legislation change would not only allow their use, but also make the owner of the vehicle responsible for its safe operation. This issue has been held up at the provincial government's Road Safety Advisory Committee. We need to give this the urgency it requires and get it to the decision makers, not have it buried in bureaucracy. I have written the Premier and copied other MLAs requesting that the matter be discussed this fall. Please contact your MLA and any others to ensure that this issue is given the attention it deserves so lives can be saved.

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Infrastructure services, playground work benefiting community

By Stephen Adams, Councillor District 18

As sewer and water services continue in Herring Cove and along the Ketch Harbour Road additional improvements are being realized. For example, Village Road has been resurfaced, which makes it easier to negotiate. However, with these improvements comes an issue that needs to be addressed. Due to its winding nature, some drivers may decide to use this as a quasi-race course. Given that, I have asked that the speed limit be reduced. Although the norm is 50 kilometres an hour, I have requested special consideration be given for a lower limit.

As you drive through Herring Cove, you will notice service laterals extending to vacant lots. These laterals are installed to the property line and will serve future development. You can be assured that the laterals are in keeping with the Herring Cove Service and Settlement Strategy approved by the majority of residents in the community and passed unanimously by City Council.

At a recent meeting of Chebucto Community Council I put forward a motion with respect to the land around Kidston Lake. I asked our staff to contact the owners of this property to determine the feasibility of a land

exchange or purchase.

Although the new part at Williams Lake Road and Herring Cove Road appears finished, there is one aspect that needs to be installed, that being the centre piece. It has been ordered but there are issues with the suppliers. As soon as it is installed, the park will be open for all to enjoy.

Speaking of parks, we have been able to develop a small green space along Leiblin Drive along the sidewalk. Trees have been planted with shrubbery to follow. As well, local residents will be planting flowers and some benches will be made available.

The piece of playground equipment installed at Harrietsfield Elementary School was not what I had requested. The request was for a "Turbo Tower," which is the same as the one installed in Sambro. I am working with staff to rectify the situation.

As summer winds down, please remember to watch for children as they return to school. As the first few days are the most exciting for students (well for some of them), they may not be paying full attention to traffic safety. Please be careful.

On a solemn note my thoughts and prayers go out to Michele Raymond and her family on the passing of her mother.

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Future of rail line presents opportunity, says Fairview MLA

By Graham Steele, Halifax Fairview MLA

CN is in the process of abandoning the rail line that runs from behind the Joseph Howe Superstore out to Bayers Lake. This is the line runs along Joseph Howe Drive, past the entrance to the Old Ashburn golf course, across Springvale Avenue, then along Crown Drive and out to Bayers Lake. For historical reasons, it is known as "the Chester spur."

The future of the line is of great interest to people who live near it. I am committed to learning as much as I can about the abandonment process, and keeping local residents informed at every step of the way.

In late July, I sent a letter to every home near the track. The letter can be viewed on my website (www.grahamsteele.ca), along with all the other information I have. I will keep this portion of my website updated continually, as new information becomes available.

The first step in the abandonment process is for CN to attempt to find someone who is willing to operate the line on a commercial basis. I was informed by CN on August 16th that no-one has stepped forward. That is not a surprise, as there are only a handful of companies in the Bayers Lake and Lakeside Industrial

Parks that use the line. Traffic now averages less than one trainload per day. The Halifax Regional Municipality has already decided that it is not financially feasible to operate commuter trains on the line.

The next step in the abandonment process is for CN to offer the line to the three levels of government (federal, provincial, municipal). I have been informed by CN that these formal offers are likely to go out in early September. There is a deadline for a response.

Any government wishing to take over the

Lifelong learning begins at birth – Raymond

By Michele Raymond
Halifax Atlantic MLA

September has come, and for the first time in many years, I am not sending a child to school. The back-to-school excitement and fear are passing me by; new pens and reams of looseleaf are only as exciting as on any other day of the year.

I find myself looking back, not with nostalgia, but with a kind of curiosity, at those years when September meant a change in life, and waiting to find out what the new school year would bring into the family. We only knew that

line (or to be precise, the "right-of-way," which is the railbed without the rails) can use the line for any purpose. The most likely outcome, in my opinion, is that the municipality will cooperate with the province to develop the line for recreational purposes. This is known as a "rails to trails" project. An excellent local example is the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea (BLT) trail system, which was developed by a volunteer community group when that portion of the rail line was abandoned. In fact, the Chester spur connects directly to the BLT trail

(13 km), which in turn connects directly to the St. Margaret's Bay trail (32 km).

Personally, I think it would be a very exciting prospect to have a recreational, off-road trail for walking and biking that stretches from Joseph Howe Drive out to St. Margaret's Bay. We have a real opportunity here. However, no final decision will be made without community consultation. If you have any input on this issue, now is the time to be heard. By all means let me know what you think. My contact information is in the ad on this page.

a new teacher, and new classmates could make all the difference in the world to each child.

School is a huge fact of life. Most of us in Nova Scotia spend at least 13 years in the education system, and during those years, we often spend more time with our classmates than we do with our families. It can seem interminable, but at the end of the day, it is only 13 years.

The education system itself has a stated philosophy of encouraging "lifelong learning," and rightly emphasizes the importance of realizing that education does not stop after Grade 12. In an ideal world, citizens remain curious and engaged, and continually challenging themselves, long after the school years are over.

We all know the correlations between education and income, and education and good health, and we know the importance of mental stimulation in slowing the ravages of old age. It's obvious that lifelong learning is something we should value highly, and encourage in every way possible.

So it's always surprised me that we don't

place more importance on preschool education. In Nova Scotia, the words "childcare" and "daycare" seem to have completely replaced the words "Early Childhood Education," and "early childhood development."

"Daycare" doesn't necessarily exclude "education," but it's important to remember that children leave the home for many reasons. Some of them are economic, allowing parents to work, but small children have educational needs that can be fulfilled in a variety of places, but which absolutely must be filled.

What does a baby need to learn? Babies need to learn about space, their own bodies, their ability to act in the world physically, and produce consequences. They need to learn how to eat. They need to learn that a picture of an apple isn't the same as an apple, but it is related. Babies need to listen to people talking, and they need to be listened to, so that their first attempts at words don't go unrecognized.

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Letters To The Editor

"Appalled but not shocked" by letter

When I read Bruce Cooke's letter to the editor ("Shocked and appalled") in the July edition of the Chebucto News, I too was appalled, however, I wasn't shocked. I was appalled by most of his comments but I was not shocked by the mean-spiritedness of those comments.

Many people in my community have concerns about the provincial infrastructure request process, as it was used by the CLC and HRM. The province states clearly that it doesn't give more infrastructure money to a municipality than is asked for. Many people in my community are still wondering about how much was asked for and why? How did the process re: provincial funding request, unfold? The answers to these kinds of questions don't lie in boosterism about the great deal the community received – particularly not from a person who at the same time casts aspersions on the motives and efforts of others.

His comment that MLA Michele Raymond "undermined the CLC's goal of acquiring additional infrastructure funding requires proof and explanation. Without these, this comment

appears to border on the libelous.

This same mean-spiritedness was present during the last provincial election when Mr. Cooke was a candidate for the Progressive Conservatives in Halifax Atlantic. He stood on my doorstep and explained to me that if I voted for him, and if he and his party were elected, that the Tory government would "take care of" the riding of Halifax Atlantic. (He made some vague references to lack of infrastructure funding for playgrounds). He went on to explain that if he wasn't elected and his party formed the government, it would "not take care of" the riding of Halifax Atlantic.

My response then, as now, was that mean-spiritedness and bullying were certainly not the characteristics I would want in my representative and/or government.

In fairness to the Progressive Conservative Party, I don't know if that was their official spin, but it was Mr. Cooke's spin.

Makes one wonder who's been playing politics and with what.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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RAYMOND-READ (MOTYER), Jocelyn Kay – Born March 30, 1930, in Paget, Bermuda, departed this life August 13, 2007, in Halifax. Jocelyn was a journalist, artist, author, educator and devoted parent, who leaves behind a multitude of friends. Among them are her grieving husband, Robert Read; children Michele (Russell MacKinnon) and Jacques (Tara Jolues);

sister, Jacqueline Blagrove, Rothesay, NB.; brother Arthur, Sackville, NB.; numerous nieces and nephews; granddaughters Hazel and Bee. She was predeceased by her first husband, Richard Lattin Raymond. Jocelyn came to Canada to attend university in 1946, graduating from McMaster University. She returned to Bermuda and worked as a print and broadcast

journalist with ZBM and the MidOcean News, but moved to Toronto in 1952 for postgraduate work in social work and child study. She taught at the University of Toronto's Institute of Child Study, and wrote a weekly column for the Globe and Mail on "Living with Children" from 1954 to 1964. Jocelyn and Richard moved to Nova Scotia in 1964, where she was instrumental in bringing human rights and childcare legislation to the province. She taught in the education department at Mount Saint Vincent University, as well as starting the university's Early Childhood Education Program. Jocelyn served on numerous boards of directors in Halifax over the years, but she will be most remembered for her mischievous wit, infectious laughter and a deep concern for others which did not desert her even in her final days. Arrangements were entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Home. Donations

in Jocelyn's memory may be made to the Single Parent Centre in Spryfield, or Bermuda Aquarium.

SCHNARE, Roland Wayne "Rollie" – 68, West Pennant, passed away at home with his loving wife at his side. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Charles B. and Edna M. (Hushman) Schnare. For 35 years, Rollie had been employed with the Nova Scotia Power Corporation from where he retired. He was a true family man, who enjoyed hunting and fishing, but his greatest pride was his family, especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Eleanor (Crowell); his children, Cheryl Schnare (Mark Horne), West Pennant; Michael Schnare (Heather Irons), Harrietsfield, and his cherished grandchildren, Robyn Horne and Brycen Schnare, who will affectionately remember him as Papa. He is also survived by his brother, Robert Schnare, Saint John, N.B.; sisters, Maxine (Larry) Miles, Dartmouth; Corinne (Eddie) Reid, Dartmouth, and Nancy (Bill) Cooper, Lower Sackville, as well as several cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews. Rollie was predeceased by his parents, and brothers, Jimmie, Kenny and Ronnie. The family wishes to extend a sincere thanks to the 7A VG Site Palliative Care Team, Northwood Home Care and the VON for their kindness and compassion shown to Rollie. Also, a heartfelt thank you to Dr. R.B. MacWhirter, Roz Benoit of the Heart Failure Clinic, and Glenna Thornhill, Palliative Care for their exceptional care. 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 Pine Grove Cemetery, Stewiacke East.



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Bus Service Meeting

A meeting is being held Thursday, September 20, at 7 pm in the Harrietsfield Community Centre to discuss the possibility of creating a transit service for the residents of Harrietsfield. All Welcome.

Antiques Road Show

The Mainland South Heritage Society will hold an "Antiques Road Show" in September. Spend an afternoon learning about the history of your prized possessions with experts Louis Leroux, Rosemary Beckett, and Roger Crowther, Saturday, September 22, 11 am to 4 pm

at Captain William Spry Community Centre. A \$10 ticket will allow you to bring a maximum of three items (no large pieces of furniture) for a verbal opinion given by our experts. Tickets available for purchase at Crowell's Pharmasave, 349 Herring Cove Road. For more information contact: Leslie Harnish, President, at 868-2553.

Turkey Supper

The St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove is having a Turkey Supper on Saturday, September 15 from 4 to 6 pm. A bake table and sewing table will open at 2 pm. For further information, please call 446-8168.

Yard Sale

There will be a huge yard sale at Calvary Baptist Church, 91 Thornhill Drive, Saturday, September 15, beginning at 9 am. All welcome.

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.

Yard Sale

A Yard Sale will be held rain or shine, at Purcell's parking lot, 353 Herring Cove Road, Saturday September 15th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in support of Emmanuel Anglican Church.

Encore Program

A new Encore Program for women who have survived breast cancer begins Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. This is an exercise and information program that runs for 8 weeks, no fee. For more information, please call Carolyn at 479-1111.

Family Church Service

Today's Family Church which meets in the Community Room of the Captain William Spry Centre will be holding its Opening Celebration service on Sunday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.



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Learning begins at birth

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Babies need to learn about colour, size, and the difference between "one" and "lots," hot and cold, and between themselves and others. Very early, pets, dolls, or the presence of other babies, will help them develop compassion, and learn to manage frustration.

Studies tell us over and over again, that babies who haven't learned these things, won't learn other things well, and that this leads to educational and social problems long, long into the future.

Spryfield doesn't have an early childhood education centre, at the moment, but there is

work underway to set up such a centre, which will also allow many parents to work, who might not otherwise be able to afford high-quality childcare. In the meantime, we are very fortunate to have the Single Parent Centre, and the Lions Club programs, which work to bring parent and child together, to ensure young parents aren't isolated, and to encourage the kind of learning which is at the foundation of all later education.

Lifelong learning begins at birth. A society which recognizes this, and encourages its infants to explore their world, will reap the benefits in the health and happiness of its citizens, lifelong.

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