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## Housing development public hearing to be controversial

**Spryfield** - A housing project proposed by Kimberly Lloyd Developments Limited for 156 acres of land running in a north south direction just east of the McIntosh Run and west of Colpitt Lake is anticipated to overflow

the Thomas Radall Room of the Keshen Goodman Public Library, site of a Chebucto Community Council public hearing on the issue February 3 beginning at 7 p.m. The original hearing, set for early January,

was postponed by Chebucto Council with permission from the developer after of the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC), opponent of the project, requested a delay to avoid the Christmas season. Since then the WLCC has waged a public campaign against the development advocating opposition on its website, staging an Armdale Rotary protest and holding a press conference.

There are a number of concerns for the WLCC which successfully advocated the rejection by Community Council of a 300 acre proposal on the site in 1998. The group suggests the proposal will cause additional raw sewage to be dumped into Herring Cove, that additional sewer flows will cause more over-

flow running into McIntosh Run from the Princeton Avenue pumping station, that blasting and land leveling will cause storm water to be redirected away from the Colpitt/Williams Lake watershed, thus threatening water quantity and quality levels and that the 850 projected families will create an estimated 3,344 vehicle trips per day through an already congested Armdale Rotary.

The group also says the project falls on land considered to be "environmentally sensitive," containing many indigenous and endangered fauna, and does not comply with the current Municipal Planning Strategy.

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Halifax Community Response Coordinator Gary Martin, RCMP Community Liaison Officer Barb McInnis, School Board Member Carolyn McFarlane, Councillor Linda Mosher and Sambro School Principal Walter MacAskill stand outside the burned section of the school following a community meeting to discuss the issue of vandalism.

## Sambro School fire - Questions of security

**Sambro** - A five ton truck filled with windows ready to go into the school was destroyed and the Sambro Elementary School was only moments away from being burned to the ground by suspected arsonists in January in the latest and perhaps most serious of an ongoing vandalism problem in a community many feel is besieged by a group of renegade lawless residents.

The 4:40 a.m. fire was preceded only minutes earlier by a break and enter to the school which saw both a digital and 35-mm camera stolen. Had the fire not been spotted and

reported by a sick and restless teenager whose actions led to a 911 call, the fire, which may have destroyed the school's only computer equipment for the 132 students, could very well have leveled the community's only school and public building.

The event is one of many activities, including illegal use of off-road and snowmobile machines, the "stoning" of fire trucks which has resulted in the need for a \$12,000 repainting job, damage and burning of playground equipment and other acts of vandalism that are beginning to frustrate citizens who would prefer to see their community in a different light.

But a meeting of interested organizations and departments of the city, including school and school board officials like Member Carolyn MacFarlane, Councillor Linda Mosher speaking for an ill Councillor Stephen Adams, HRM Community Response Initiative Coordinator Gary Martin, the local fire department, school officials and members of the community based School Advisory Committee, spent a good part of their late January session talking about an even more alarming subject - fear - fear or reprisals if information is relayed to police and fear of being shunned by the community if information is offered.

Many at the table made it very clear. For the most part people in the community are

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## Business Association membership campaign

### "Commissioning" major subject of upcoming Annual General Meeting

**Spryfield** - The District 18 Business and Development Association will have people on site at it's South Centre Mall office to register 2003/2004 local business memberships every Wednesday afternoon in February.

Madoc Group owner and Association Vice-President, Peter Dockrill has volunteered to manage the facility between noon and 4 p.m. every Wednesday to accept the \$100 annual membership fee from businesses interested in making positive change in the community.

Business Association President Sharon Beasley says the program is one part of a two-pronged approach to membership generation this year. "Members of the Association will be visiting businesses early in the month to out-

line plans for the coming year and to solicit memberships," she said, suggesting the Association wants to secure as many memberships as possible prior to the upcoming Annual General Meeting being planned for April.

The President said the AGM's major topic of discussion will be what the board of directors calls "commissioning" of the business community. She explained that "commissioning" involves creating a "Business Improvement District (BID)" area for the community and establishing a specialized tax levy designed to fund association activities as has occurred in Downtown Halifax, on Spring Garden Road and Quinpool Road. "We will be seeking \$100 memberships from local busi-

nesses which will cover membership for the 2003/2004 year," she said while explaining that for the most part it is unlikely that the tax levy would cost individual businesses any more than the requested membership.

Beasley said the Association has been operating for almost five years on a volunteer level "and we have completed some very worthwhile projects," she said, identifying four Business Expos, three community based golf tournaments and playing a significant role in assisting local organizations, including the Santa Claus Parade Society, the Spryfield Lions Club and the Urban Farm Museum

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Society in various community events.

"We have raised the stature of the business community to a point where various organizations are looking to the organization for help and support and we will continue to try and provide that," she said.

But she also indicated the association's activities have moved beyond what "we as a

volunteer organization can manage." She said the association has begun to deal effectively with political and governmental issues which require the involvement of a full time staff person to manage an office, manage daily affairs, do research and help volunteers design, prepare and complete marketing and promotional events.

"This community is experiencing more and more pressure from a planning and devel-

opment point of view," she said offering reference to the Kimberley Lloyd project called Governor's Brook which will be the subject of a public hearing Monday February 3 at 7 p.m. at the Keshen Goodman Library on Lacewood Drive. "This development is of extreme importance, not only to the local business community, but to the quality of life for all of our citizens at large" she said, "..... it is only one of many physical, political, governmental and

community issues facing the business community."

The President identified calls by citizens in the community to redesign Herring Cove Road, the abundance of boarded up buildings and, perhaps most importantly, the need for a comprehensive municipal planning strategy review and work already happening in that area as important and significant issues facing the local business community.

She said the city has, as a result of interest by PACE (People Around Communities Everyday) and work by the association already set aside a \$50,000 budget to complete a street-scape design project for Herring Cove Road in this year's budget. "We need to ensure the business association is able to meet these issues head-on with professionally prepared and presented information so that our collective interests are not only represented but secured," she said. "This will require much more active participation from our businesses and citizen organizations than has happened in the past. We want decisions about the future of our communities made by the people within our communities, and to accomplish that we must all take a much more active role."

## Sambro

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aware of who causes what trouble but few, if any, are unafraid to identify the culprits. Even the RCMP, on hand for the meeting, as well as the fire officials who attended, alluded to having pretty good indication of who the likely culprits of January's fire and other events are. But everyone, it would appear, is stymied by a lack of hard evidence and/or willing witnesses. "The people are not willing to speak - but people know," said one community member.

In this kind of "everyone knows everyone's business" kind of community change "has to be the responsibility of the entire community," Martin, who presented a safety and security site audit of the school property, suggested to the meeting.

Trying to get people back into the school after hours to create use and activity, adding security cameras, making sure the community knows what police presence is available in the community and organizing Neighbourhood Watch and City Watch programs were some potential actions discussed as ways to help prevent ongoing vandalism at the school and in the community. But creating a higher degree of "community buy-in" to preservation of the facility was identified as the best long term solution.

Councillor Mosher, responding to suggestions that developing community based programming for youth might create a "this is my school" attitude among some in the community, said money might be made available from the city councillor's discretionary budget to develop programs. And most agreed that if programs are going to be initiated, they should be initiated with the complete involvement of the age groups they are intended to serve.

The members agreed to do more research and cost estimating and to continue to meet to create a strategy to deal with the issues.



Elizabeth Sutherland School held a blueberry pancake breakfast fundraiser this month. Participating were Sarah Micheau, Rebecca Baker, JulieAnna MacDonald, Erica Bower, Riley Beeler, Reagan Zinck, Monica McNamara, PTA President; and Andrea Pugsley-Connell, event chair.

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# McIntosh Run Association meeting inspires interest

**Spryfield** - A follow-up meeting of the Board of Directors of the McIntosh Run Watershed Association has been scheduled for the third Tuesday in February after the existing Board held a public meeting in January in a plea to have more residents help in their ambition to maintain a focus of maintenance, improvement and development of the "Runs."

Watershed Association President Terry Bobbitt held a public meeting at the Spryfield Legion to solicit involvement in the organization. "We have money," he said, "and we have a draft report on development of a trail system," he told a gathering of nearly 40 who showed up to hear the Association's plea for help. "What we don't have is active, involved people. Many of our original Board of Directors are not participating. We have only four or five of us left and we are losing the battle to time and energy. We need people to help us," he told the gathering.

Vice-President Brian Dempsey said the

"Runs" are "ten kilometers of pristine wilderness" stretching from Spryfield right through to York Redoubt. "As Halifax's only urbanized river this resource should be the envy of all of the Municipality of Halifax."

But now, with the Association moving into its fourth years since the Royal Canadian Legion donated \$10,000 toward a project to upgrade the Runs, clean the waterway and protect it for future generations, the Association is suffering under the workload. "There are a lot of issues we need to be advancing," said Bobbitt citing determining land ownership issues, preparing grant funding applications, doing nature research and progressing toward the steps outlined in the Gordon Ratcliff "Draft Report on Trail Development" which was produced more than a year ago but left standing idle so far.

The Ratcliff Report, said Bobbitt, proposes a multi-use trail for a portion of the Runs from River Road to just below Roache's Pond and a natural wilderness trail

system from there to Herring Cove with eventual work to extend the trail system to York Redoubt.

Bobbitt said the draft report speaks to the Association's mandate of enhancing the viability of the resource, cleaning and maintaining the waterway, reintroducing historical species to the river, promoting public access and uncovering the "invisible" contamination affecting the river and eliminating. Many believe the invisible contamination in the river comes from an area upstream, potentially Bayers Lake Industrial Park.

Bobbitt said the Association "is at a stage where there is lots that has been done but much more to do. We need the support of people who have the time to help us do some of these things" outlined in the draft report. Completion of the proposal is estimated in the report to cost almost \$200,000.

Many at the meeting agreed to attend another session the third week in February at the Royal Canadian Legion at 7 p.m. to establish a slate of officers for a new Board of Directors. That Board will be elected the following month at an Annual General Meeting to be held tentatively March 18.



Members of the J. L. Ilsley Teen Health Centre, on hand to help open the new facility "Teen Scene" at the South Centre Mall, help Halifax West Mp Geoff Regan and Cecil Wright from the Department of Justice, which provided funding, cut the cake to officially open the site. The facility aims to assist teens suffering mental, physical or emotional abuse.

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# DISCOVERING OUR PAST

## The Church of England presence from Purcell's Cove to Pennant

by Iris V. Shea, Historian  
Mainland South Heritage Society

The first community in Mainland South to establish a place of worship for Church of England followers was at Ferguson's Cove, on land donated by William and Ann (Glazebrook) Smith. Built in 1846 through the efforts of Lady Falkland, wife of the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, the church and parish were named for her and served the families of Purcell's Cove and Ferguson's Cove.

From the Halifax Journal, 27 July 1846, p. 3: "Consecration of Episcopal Church of Falkland and Ferguson's Cove. It stands upon a promontory at the entrance of Halifax Harbour, near York Redoubt. It is capable of containing the whole Protestant Population which consists of two or three hundred. All the sittings are Free." The 1851 census for Ferguson's Cove and Purcell's Cove shows a combined population of 231 with 114 listed as Church of England. Of this number, twenty were members of the Purcell family who resided at Island Cove, the name most often used for Purcell's Cove. Families with the surname of Smith, Glazebrook and White made up most of the congregation from Ferguson's Cove.

The congregation in Ferguson's Cove began to decline after 1900 while that in Purcell's Cove was on the increase as cottages along the shore attracted many summer residents from Halifax. In 1909 a new wooden church was built in Purcell's Cove, on land donated by James Purcell, and the old church in Ferguson's Cove was torn down. The Evening Mail, Monday, 9 August 1909, reported "New Anglican Chapel opened yesterday at Purcell's Cove. Congregation crowded the building to the doors. Set upon a hill, the church commands a magnificent view of sea and wood, and is visible to every ship which enters the harbour. In the chancel were Rev. Edward Roy and Venerable Archdeacon Armitage."

In May 1914, forest fires raged through the area and the church, known as St. Philip's, along with Mr. James Purcell's house, was destroyed. Concerned citizens of Halifax set up the Purcell's Cove Relief Fund and St. Philip's Church was rebuilt. The white wooden building served the community until the present stone building was completed in 1956 on the same site. Under the direction of Mr. Evan Velcoff, local parishioners, including William Purcell and Clarence Soward, did much of the work. Edward Liggins designed the new stone structure. Later, the tower, which extended above the roof, was modified for safety reasons.

Herring Cove was added as a mission to the Parish of Falkland about 1850. The Browns, Darrachs and Adams made up the majority of that first congregation. By 1871, the Bakers, Gormans and Harrigans were also active parishioners. It was not long before the residents of Herring Cove had their own building, first a small shed, and by 1876 plans were underway to erect a new building on property donated by the Harrigan family.

During the mid 1870s, Elizabeth Sutherland of Spryfield was the schoolteacher in Herring Cove. Always a staunch supporter

and teacher of the Church of England doctrine, Miss Sutherland wrote a letter (undated) to her mother stating "Dear Mr. White and the big gun from the cathedral paid us a visit today. I collected my people on Wednesday and drilled them for the field. There were 13 of our men present and they acted nobly brave fellows. They were not afraid to speak their minds." Among the thirteen men present, the letter mentioned Mr. Brown, Mr. Darrach and Mr. Harrigan who voiced their opinions in support of building a church in Herring Cove. These men were most likely John Brown, Frederick Darrach and Frederick Harrigan. They were obviously very persuasive because St. James Church opened its doors for services in 1878 and continues to hold regular services.

The early records at St. Paul's and St. George's Anglican Churches in Halifax contain baptisms, marriages and burials for the Church of England population in this area. Eventually clergy from St. Luke's, Halifax, served the Parish of Falkland. When St. James

Church opened in Herring Cove, a resident clergyman, Reverend G.F. Maynard, was assigned to serve the Parish of Falkland. In addition to the families in Ferguson's Cove,

Cove, consisting of about six families, began to build their own church on land donated by Captain Lloyd Jenkins. It was not until 1952, however, that the building was completed. On the first Sunday of November 1953, St. David's Church was consecrated with the Right Reverend R.W. Waterman, Bishop of Nova Scotia, delivering the address.

Today, the rector of St. Augustine's Church, Jollimore, serves St. Philip's, St. James and St. David's.

"Early Churches of Mainland South" is the subject for Mainland South Heritage Society's annual Heritage Tea and Display. It will be held on Friday, February 21, 2003, from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Captain William Spry Library. All are welcome. If you would like to lend artifacts, such as old

hymn books, prayer books, catechisms, Sunday School and First Communion certificates, etc., for the locked display case, please contact Iris Shea, 479-3505.



Anglican Church, Purcell's Cove, ca. 1920s by Longard

Purcell's Cove and Herring Cove, Falkland parish records included families from Portuguese Cove, Sandy Cove, Sambro and Pennant.

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*Chebucto Boys and Girls Club to benefit*

# Spryfield Lions Club initiates unique bowling fundraiser

**Spryfield** - The Spryfield Lions Club has secured February 23 at the Bowlarama in South Centre Mall for a unique and interesting bowling fundraising event in support of the Chebucto Boys and Girls Club.

Chair Rene Quigley said the idea was approved by the Lions Club at its December meeting after determining the Boys and Girls Club will be the benefactor of the project. Members of the committee include Lions George Miles, David Parsons and Leo Supple.

"The idea is to be together members of the local business community and their employees for a morning of fun and activities and at the same time raise money for the Boys

and Girls Club," said Quigley explaining the program.

He said the club would ask the District 18 Business and Development Association to lend its support by authorizing the project before members began soliciting businesses to enter teams. The Association not only gave its support in January, said President Sharon Beasley, "we decided to enter a team as well."

Club members, headed by former Pharmasave owner George Miles, will ask businesses to enter five member teams for the event. The individual team members will be expected to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club through pledges from their family,

friends and neighbours.

Quigley said the team entrance fee is \$125. "Of the full amount of the entrance fee," he said, "\$100 will be donated directly to the Boys and Girls Club. The remaining \$25 will be used to pay for the bowling, buy trophies and support the prize presentation ceremony at the Spryfield Lions Den following the event. We want to raise as much money as we can for the Club," he said.

"This is a win-win for everyone involved.

Employees will get an opportunity to represent their businesses in a social and competitive activity and promote the business they work for," he said. And Quigley said the Lions Club, which has a 25 year tradition "of working tirelessly to promote community identity and spirit in the Spryfield area along with helping to find projects that focus on the youth of the community," will generate an opportunity to show itself to others as a means of seeking additional members for the organization.

Like all other organizations, said Quigley, the local Lions Club can always use new members and new projects to promote its own image and its very real value to the community it serves.

The event is being planned to start at 8:30 a.m. February 23 with registration and bowling to follow at 9 a.m. Each team will bowl three games and winners will be chosen according to usual bowling formats like highest team score, highest individual score and others. "There is room for only 22 teams at the local Bowlarama," said Quigley, urging teams to register early



Spryfield Lion Club Member and "Spryfield Business Bowling Challenge" Chair Rene Quigley and his team of organizers met at Robins Donuts one morning to pursue their plans. Included in the group are Bill Salterio, George Miles, Rene and David Parsons.

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# Halifax West residents get healthcare input opportunity

By Geoff Regan, MP Halifax West

Last month I had the opportunity to host four "Let's Talk" meetings, dedicated to healthcare, over four consecutive nights. The results were both compelling and educational.

In light of the recent flurry of reports on the future of healthcare, particularly the Romanow Report, but also reports from Senator Kirby and a number of the provinces, I thought it was important to see what the people of Halifax West thought should be done. Mr. Romanow provided the broadest consultations in Canadian history, but not everyone could be heard. With last month's "Let's Talk" meetings I sought to remedy that for residents of Halifax West. The results of the meetings have been compiled and turned into a report, which is now available on my web site - [www.geoffregan.com](http://www.geoffregan.com). The report has also been sent to the Prime Minister and the Ministers of Health and Finance.

As always, I found that most people have a strong grasp of the issues: people from all walks of life came out to share their views on the future of healthcare in Canada. Though many divergent issues were raised, several key messages were clearly agreed on.

The most resounding message of the week was that healthcare in Canada must remain publicly funded and universally accessible. I was very glad to hear this because I have long believed that our healthcare system is integral to our values as Canadians. We are caring and compassionate people who will not tolerate anyone being turned away for lack of means. At the same time, each night we had one or two people suggesting systems that would

incorporate elements of user-pay, private-for-profit hospitals or a system that encouraged competition. While it was important to hear these ideas and not to rule anything out without consideration, I'm not sure that these ideas are the right ways to proceed.

As Commissioner Romanow said, Medicare doesn't need to be demolished, just renovated. Governments at all levels need to be accountable for the money they spend. As elected officials we also need to take a broader view in our decision-making. As one person mentioned in Spryfield, if the Federal Government decides not to fund an addiction treatment centre in Halifax, it has to consider the number of liver transplants, for example, that might become necessary because of that decision. Several healthcare professionals reminded us that Doctors time shouldn't be taken up with paper work that could be done just as well by other personnel. Nor should anyone in the system operate in isolation. Electronic records, case managers and 24 hour a day, seven day a week clinics could make our system more responsive and much more cost effective.

Commissioner Romanow argues that new money invested in the system must be used to buy change. And that was the

key message I took away from the four meetings - we need change to the system, not a new system. If you would like a copy of my report "Let's Talk... about the Future of Healthcare," you can either find it on my website ([www.geoffregan.com](http://www.geoffregan.com)) or by calling my office at 426-2217.

And, as always, if either my staff or I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us by phone or by e-mail at [geoff@geoffregan.com](mailto:geoff@geoffregan.com). You can also visit our newly updated website at [www.geoffregan.com](http://www.geoffregan.com), where you'll find lots of information as well as two online surveys where you can give feedback



The Purcell's Cove Social Club held a New Year's Levy to celebrate the turn of 2003. Mike and Dawn Lawrence, left, chat with District 17 Councillor Linda Moshier, Heather Kline and Tom Lynch during an after-noon of music.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Had the news been different

On Sunday, November 24, hundreds of children, teenagers, adults and businesses in Spryfield participated in the 28th annual Santa Claus Parade. This parade is the longest continuous Santa Claus parade in Atlantic Canada, with over 60 entries this year. Hot chocolate, doughnuts, a community carol sing and a tree-lighting completed a perfect day.

Sadly, your newspaper (The Halifax Herald Limited) did not think this great event worthy of any media coverage. We were very

surprised, on Monday, November 25, and Wednesday, November 27, to see large photos of an Ontario and New York Santa, respectively. Why not a Spryfield Santa? Had the day included a negative element, your reporters/photographers would have been at our community door and Spryfield would have made front-page news!

We, as a family community, and our Councillor Stephen Adams, seem to be forever trying to change this attitude. Report negative

events if you must - but also give us credit for the positive ones that by far outnumber the bad! Spryfield has received many awards, including the prestigious Sustainable Community Award in 2000 and the Nova Scotia Model Volunteer Community Award for 2002.

Please accept a warm invitation from our Spryfield community for next year's event on November 23, 2003, and see our community in action.

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Pat and Jim MacLean, Spryfield*

### Not (Spryfield Proud)

At this time I, unfortunately, am not "Spryfield Proud." Our sidewalks after a storm are disgrace and an embarrassment. Will it take a fatality or serious injury to make HRM realize that this is not safe for our citizens. Most homeowners are great, but there still are vacant and rental properties that are left unattended. I have seen on several occasions, wheelchairs, strollers, elderly and young children venturing out onto Herring Cove Road because the sidewalk was impassable. Shame on you Spryfield! Shame on you HRM!

*Barbara Meister  
Halifax*



Sobeys Store Manager Mike Wade, left, sits to discuss the menu of a "Valentine's Dinner for 12" promotion at the store with Rent-A-Chef Shawn McKerness and Community Meeting Room Coordinator Helen Kirk.

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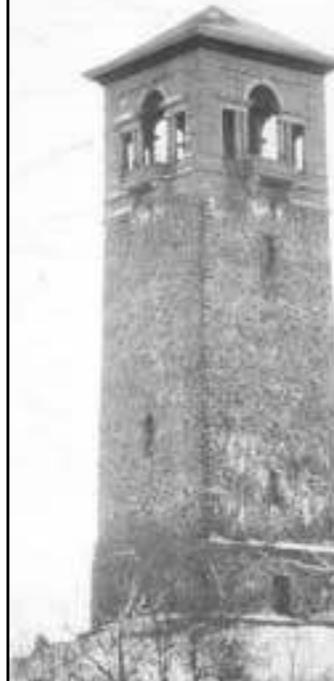
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## Sir Sandford Fleming Park



### Historical Designation Public Presentation

Over the past year, District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher has been working to achieve federal government designation for Fleming Park and the Memorial Tower as a Natural Historic Site and Monument. The now completed report will be forwarded to the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada for consideration this spring.

In celebration of National Heritage Day February 17, "Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park" have arranged for Historical Researcher and Heritage Consultant Dr. Brian Cuthbertson, one of the authors of the designation submission, to present the report at:

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# Housing development public hearing to be controversial

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In making the application the developer has included provision to increase the capacity of the Princeton Avenue pumping station, is

required to develop a storm water management strategy to protect both the McIntosh Run and Colpitt Lake and has dedicated another near 150 acres to the city as parkland.

A city planning staff report on the project

recommends Chebucto Council approve the rezoning from holding to RDD (Residential Development Agreement) and subsequently approve the development agreement.

The report suggests the "effect of this

development on services provided by HRM in Mainland South varies. Sanitary and storm sewer systems, the water system, transit, public schools, recreation and community facilities and the provision of police services are adequate to support the Governor's Brook development."

The staff report also says "the transportation system can accommodate traffic from this development with the exception of the Armdale Rotary at peak times and continue growth in Mainland South will necessitate additional equipment and manpower to Fire Stations #6 at some future point," but since the development agreement "limits the rate of subdivision to an average of 50 lots per year, the impacts on fire service will be minimal."

"Therefore, while this development may negatively affect some municipal services provided in Mainland South, these situations now exist and will ultimately have to be addressed."

There is at least one proponent for the development. The District 18 Business and Development Association favours the project. President Sharon Beasley says the community, according to the city staff report, has lost population over recent years and has not had an increase in housing stock in the past 20 years. "This development is integral to giving this community a very needed boost. The fact that there is such intense opposition is indication that the real need here is for a combined, coordinated and cooperative planning effort to review our Municipal Planning Strategy so we can create the kind of communities we need here in Mainland South."

# Chebucto Minor Hockey creates "Community Coupon Book" fundraiser

Residents of District 17 and 18 including everyone from Armdale to Sambro will be able to save money and help the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association by purchasing the newly printed Chebucto Minor Hockey Association Coupon Book.

Project Chair Pat Arthur said the new book, which contains more than 50 coupons offered by local businesses, will save families more than \$100 in purchases they would make every day. "This is a project fundraiser for the Association which the entire community can participate in," she said, thanking the local businesses who offered incentives for residents to buy products from their stores.

She said the book was made available February 1st and will be sold for \$15 each by members of the hockey organizations in the community.

The Chebucto Minor Hockey Association, the District 17/18 Business Association, Chebucto Publishing and the Captain William Spry Community

Centre and others have joined forces to assist Chebucto Minor Hockey in its fundraising efforts while supporting the businesses from the Rotary to the Pennants. "The projects is in part a consideration of the 'Buy Local' - keep jobs at home' theme being promoted by the Business Association," she said

The coupon book contains more than 50 coupons for use by residents and a number of advertisements from local businesses who have supported its production she said. "We will set up our selling team, which includes the kids, parents and Association Executive in South Centre Mall so residents can access the book and many of our participating retailers will be offering the book for sale at their counters," she said. "This is truly a community effort."



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## 18 students enter Lions "Speakout"

**Spryfield** - St. Agnes Junior High School student Gwen Watt almost used the Spryfield Lions Club program title "Speaking Out" to capture top spot in the 23rd Annual Lions Club Speakout public speaking contents held at J. L. Ilsley High School in January.

Watt won the first overall title as well as placing in first place in the Junior High category. Matthew Ponsford, Cunard, subject "Dealing With Death" won second place in the Junior High contest while Herring Cove Junior High's Lori Hennessey's "Are Canadian Children Fit?" posed a question good enough for a third place finish.

J. L. Ilsley's Joel Durling, with a presentation on the "477 - 479 Curse" won top honors in the Senior High School section over Cathy Wilson who spoke on "The Importance of Being Thin" and Brian O'Reily's "Contradictions of the English Language."

A total of 18 speakers presented a difficult chore for the judges who included Susan Hayes, Sheryl Grant and District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher. Questioners were Gayle Reiner and Oliver Berrigan. The program was coordinated by Lions Dan MacDonald, who retired after 23 years as Chair, and Jim Glazebrook. Other speakers included Colby Olhausen from Cunard; Josh Weagle, Cara Hall and Alex Parris of Elizabeth Sutherland; Claire Piccinin, Rachel Elliott and Emily Cairns of Herring Cove; Samantha Snow, Mitchell Ryan and Tara Stewart of Rockingstone Heights and Hillary Rand and Robin Munro of St. Agnes.

Shown in the photo below are J. L. Ilsley English Department teacher Melissa Trenbith, Lions Leo Supple and Dan MacDonald and winners Hennessey, Watt, Ponsford and Durling.



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# Winter's snow clearing problems have returned

By Stephen Adams  
Councillor, District 18

As unpredictable as our weather can be, we can generally assume that snow will fly; and we have had our share. With snow come issues involving sidewalk clearing and removal from streets and roads.

There are parts of HRM that have their sidewalks cleared through area rates. What that means is that residents pay an extra tax, specifically for this service. I have asked our staff for some information on the costs for this service, and preliminary data suggests a cost of

approximately \$100 per \$100,000 of assessment. In my opinion this is too high and not easily justifiable for residents without sidewalks. Councillor Mosher and I are asking that this be included in the general rate, which would reduce this immensely.

The other issue is one which I have tried to address over the past few years with limited success. That is snow removal throughout the "Sambro Loop." Winter after winter I have raised the issue and have tried my very best to increase the service levels. I will add this to our next council agenda to see what can be done to help with the situation. In the interim,

I would encourage affected residents to contact our local MLA and the provincial Department of Transportation to bring forward any specific areas of concern.

Last month, vandals were busy destroying property in the community of Sambro. A truck parked near the Sambro Elementary School was set on fire and the fire subsequently spread to the school. Generally speaking I try not to publicize this type of activity and give it consideration, however, there is an upside to this story.

In this time of adversity, members of the community have scheduled a meeting to deal with the issues. As well, HRM will provide support, through the leadership of Gary Martin

and the RCMP will also get involved in prevention issues. This is a great example of how a community can rally together to help increase safety in and around their neighbourhoods. I have worked with Mr. Martin on a number of other initiatives, and have had outstanding success with each and every project. I am confident we will be successful in this case too.

I'd like to thank the quick thinking residents for alerting 911 and the great response from the Harrietsfield and Sambro Fire Departments (and back-up from Herring Cove and Lakeside) and for their quick action. Indeed these actions averted a tragedy of a much more significant proportion.

## Sidewalk clearing by-law harsh - city-wide program under review

By Linda Mosher  
Councillor District 17

It has been a cold and snowy winter. This, coupled with little rainfall, has resulted in messy roads, high snow banks, and sidewalks that are not clear to the pavement. Several streets in District 17, particularly Fleming Heights, received notices that their sidewalks had to be cleared to the bare pavement, within 24 hours. If this was not done, HRM would conduct the work for them, and bill them as a lien on their property taxes. The notice also threatened to fine them up to \$5,000 for not clearing all the snow off the sidewalks.

I have had numerous calls from residents who were quite upset with HRM's Bylaw enforcement. Their main complaint was that they felt that HRM's Bylaw Enforcement Officers are being "overzealous" with enforcement of sidewalk snow removal. These residents did their best to ensure that the sidewalks were clear of snow and ice for pedestrians. These are not inconsiderate people who did not bother to shovel and forced residents to walk on the street.

HRM's Bylaw states that snow must be removed from a sidewalk ... "abutters shall render the sidewalk completely free of snow and ice to bare pavement within said times." Residents also pointed out that HRM was unable to comply with this By-Law either. I travelled with the Snow Supervisor for sidewalks in District 17 and we confirmed that the majority of sidewalks that are HRM's responsibility were not down to the bare pavement either.

Many residents utilize snow blowers for

snow removal. These snow blowers generally leave behind approximately a half inch of snow. The normal practice is to spread salt, which melts the remaining snow. Similarly, HRM does not go behind the bobcats with a shovel to ensure the last bits are gone. Usually these are effective practices, however, during very cold weather, these methods do not suffice.

I confirmed with HRM's Coordinator of Snow Removal that weather temperatures dictate the effectiveness of salt. At temperatures below -7 C during the evening or below -10 C in the daytime, salt does not work. Actually, during cold temperatures, salt may actually assist the icing problem.

On January 14th, I presented two petitions to Council from residents regarding the "bare pavement" issue. First, I requested that applicable HRM staff, make a public presentation and prepare literature to educate both homeowners and HRM on effective snow removal practices. Second, I requested a staff report to assess modifying the Bylaw, to incorporate some flexibility during special weather conditions. We want to ensure that all sidewalks are safe for pedestrians to travel and that we have reasonable expectations of homeowners for snow removal.

Regional Council will be discussing the overall issue of sidewalk snow removal in the upcoming budget. Some Councillors are pushing for HRM to take over the responsibility of sidewalk snow removal in all of HRM. This is a basic service, that should not be "area rated," but included under the General Rate, as is sidewalk repair, recreation, and fire protection.

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# Regulate gasoline prices - here's why - Steele

By *Graham Steele, MLA  
Halifax Fairview*

I was in Winnipeg recently. Gasoline was selling for 15 cents per litre less than in Halifax. Not only that, but there was real competition. If you shopped around, you could save another three or four cents per litre.

Why are we paying so much for gas? Why is our government unwilling to do anything?

Part of the answer is "taxes." There's federal tax of 10 cents per litre, provincial tax of 15.5 cents, and the HST, which is 15% of the total (including taxes!).

The government offers three reasons why it won't give consumers a break.

Each of these explanations is tripe. Let's see why.

1 - "We need the money." Yes, our government needs the money. But recent large price increases will bring a large amount of unbudgeted revenue into the government's coffers. HST revenue is 15% x price x volume. Statistics show volume hasn't dropped off. So the higher the price, the higher the HST revenue. I've called on our provincial government to give consumers a break by chopping the gas tax by an amount equivalent to the unbudgeted revenue.

2 - "We spend it on road improvement." John Hamm's Tories, like other governments before them, claim the gas tax is being spend on road improvements. Like

other governments, they can't prove it. They don't segregate the gas tax revenue. Anyway, most roads my constituents are using are city roads, paid for by the city.

3 - "We're not really making any money." The Finance Minister says that the government's not making any money on the HST, because if people are spending their money on gas, they're not spending it on something else. That's baloney. For example, groceries aren't subject to HST. If someone is taking grocery money to pay for gas, they're paying more HST.

As the NDP Finance Critic, I have been advocating gas price regulation. Wholesaler and retailers should prove to an independent authority (like the Utility & Review Board) that the prices are fair. PEI has this system and it works.

Regulation has other benefits too. First, it eliminates price shocks, allowing businesses and individuals to better plan their purchases.

Second, it reassures Nova Scotians that the pump price has been reviewed and approved by someone independent of the oil companies.

Really it all comes down to this, The Utility & Review Board would have the power to roll back unfair pump prices.

"John Hamm & Company" seem ready to trust the oil companies to set fair prices. I've yet to meet a constituent who agrees.

On a social note, there will be a "Homecoming Dinner & Ceilidh" for Alexa McDonough on March 15th at the Lord Nelson. Alexa is "coming home" after seven years as national NDP leader. (Of course she'll be continuing as Member of Parliament for Halifax and will run again in the next election. Guests include Ed Broadbent, and brilliant musicians like Terry Kelly and Dave MacIsaac. For ticket information, call 423-9217.



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## Government budget hurting low income Nova Scotians

By *Robert Chisholm, MLA, Halifax Atlantic*

This is the beginning of the new year and a time when most of us take stock of where we are, and where we want to be.

For many of us January involves looking at the family budget and figuring out how we are going to make the most of what we have.

For the government in power the new year will involve a shift up in gear to a pre-election mode. This year the Hamm government will be calling an election. This election could well be won, and lost, on what the current government has done for Nova Scotia's families.

The big vote-catcher, or so the Tories think, is a 10% cut in personal income taxes. Tax cuts benefit the wealthy and will have little or no impact on those who are living on the tax margins or on low income.

This isn't money management. This is taking money out of paychecks so it will be there later to buy votes.

This tax cut for upper income earners won't come free of course. Since taking office the Hamm government has been off-loading costs and collecting dollars for this rainy day. Over \$34 million a year comes from seniors in nursing homes who pay for their own health care. Unregulated increases at the gas pumps and in the price of home heating oil are deliver-

ing an extra \$23 million in tax revenue, and the highest car and home insurance outside of Toronto give the government nearly another \$7 million in taxes. \$144 million has come into the Hamm government since it has taken office from new user fees, for everything from more money to register a vehicle, to more money to adopt a child.

The Nova Scotians who are paying these new fees for goods and services are already paying the highest tuition fees in the country, the highest rents east of Ontario and, since Nova Scotia Power was deregulated, among the highest prices for electricity in the country.

All this against the backdrop of the second lowest minimum wage in Canada.

2002 also marked the first anniversary of the Tory's new Social Assistance Act. Changes to the Act punish the poor and lock them into the cycle of poverty. It's more of what we have already seen from the Tories and Liberals as they have taken their turns in government. Women are pushed away from long-term training and pushed towards immediate work that is low paying and likely to remain so. After a year childcare and pharmacare are taken away and life becomes even more difficult.

This is the face, and record, of a government  
*see "Government" pg. 14*

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# Volunteerism, support and community issues

In the fall of 2001, the Voluntary Sector Initiative contracted with the Captain Spry Community Centre to undertake research into the needs of small organizations. We were contacted because the Multi-Service Office has been a sponsor of what little research been done on small organizations in Canada. The Voluntary Sector Initiative (or VSI), with a budget of \$94.6 million allocated for a five-year process, was a project of the Government of Canada and national organizations representing the voluntary

sector. The goals were to support groups within the voluntary sector to work more effectively and to strengthen the relationship between the federal government and voluntary organizations. A number of activities were undertaken as part of this initiative including a formal agreement (The Accord) between the Federal government and the voluntary sector, increasing awareness of the value of the voluntary sector, understanding capacity issues facing the sector and developing means to strengthen the sector, and recognizing and promoting volunteering.

Although there are 22 million Canadians who give money to voluntary sector organizations and 6.5 million of us volunteer our time to a group or organization (Statistics Canada, August 17, 2001), we know very little about the sector that touches all our lives. The voluntary sector includes recreation groups (such as Scouts, Chebucto Boys & Girls Club or minor hockey), heritage societies, social services (such as Single Parent Centre, Hand In Hand, food banks, Children's Aid Society), environmental groups (e.g., McIntosh Run Watershed Association, Williams Lake Conservation

Company), self help groups (e.g., AA), parent-teacher associations, seniors' groups, residents' associations, and volunteer fire departments. What they all have in common is that they are governed by volunteers usually by a Board of Directors.

In talking to volunteers from a wide variety of organizations across Canada, one of the major needs of small organizations is recognition of their uniqueness and flexibility in providing local services. Part of the recognition is awareness of the problems with being small. Smaller organizations and non-profit agencies find it harder to keep a high profile while still delivering services. Without a high profile and a lot of dedicated volunteers, it is harder to raise funds and to constantly recruit and supervise volunteers. Burn out of staff and volunteers in small organizations is a big issue.

A report entitled "Caught in the middle: what small, non-profit organizations need to survive and flourish" was produced for the VSI. It included a number of observations on the voluntary sector and recommendations to support the work of organizations and agencies. "Governments have reduced and down-loaded services, and 'small' organizations are caught in the middle. There needs to be recognition of building capacity when there are more expectations but less resources for non-profits. Small organizations/agencies need 'morale boosters,' - a thank you from provincial and federal sectors for the work of the volunteer." Ideas to improve the capacity of volunteer organizations to do their work included "(1) Funding! More money is needed for core funding, project funding and equipment and training. Small agencies need sustainable fund-

ing: multi-year, core operational funding to provide consistent services. (2) Grant applications: Well advertised grant information and straightforward applications mean that the staff/volunteers of small organizations and agencies would hear about funding opportunities and have the skill level to apply for the grants. (3) Local resource centre: Small agencies and organizations need a local resource centre so that they could obtain information on

organizational development, funding opportunities, volunteer management, skill development (e.g., how to write grant proposals), and government services and structure."

We are fortunate in Mainland South to have the 'Resource Centre' as part of the role of the Multi-Service Office. It is nice to be ahead of the country. The full report is available on the VSI website: [www.vsi-isbc.ca/eng/reports.cfm](http://www.vsi-isbc.ca/eng/reports.cfm).

## MULTI-SERVICE NEWS

by Linda Roberts  
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The Spryfield Legion Branch 152 Summer Dart League raised almost \$4,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation by holding 50/50 draws during Sunday Bingo, holding a 12 hour dart-a-thon and hosting a dinner for the Third Annual District 18 Cup Golf Tournament. Chairs Wanda Ryan and John Leightizer discuss the project with member Sharon Nicholson.

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**A:** Parvovirus is one of the major viral diseases which affects dogs, primarily puppies. It is characterized by diarrhea, vomiting, intestinal bleeding and collapse.

Unvaccinated dogs of any age can be infected, but usually older dogs have developed some immunity against the disease and symptoms therefore may be mild. Younger animals are usually severely affected, and may die due to severe infections or septic shock. Infected dogs may seem tired or lethargic and do not eat the

day before obvious symptoms appear. Then the animal becomes depressed, develops a fever and has vomiting and severe watery diarrhea (which may be bloody). Doberman Pinschers, Rottweillers and Pit Bull Terriers may be more susceptible than most breeds and the prognosis for them should they develop the disease, is often worse.

Treatment of Canine Parvovirus Enteritis is purely supportive as there are no effective antiviral agents available. Intravenous fluids and antibiotics are the mainstay of therapy. Many puppies can be saved if they can be supported long enough. Hospital stays of more than 10 days are not uncommon, but sadly for some pups lengthy hospital stays cannot guarantee

that they will survive. Because Parvovirus is extremely contagious, sick puppies are placed into isolation at veterinary clinics, and are treated separately from all other animals. Resulting veterinary bills can be extremely high.

Parvovirus is shed in the stools and is extremely hardy, persisting for long time periods in the environment. This makes it difficult to control exposure of dogs to this virus. It can survive intense heat and sub-zero temperatures for months. Long after the remains of any stool is visible you can still pick it up and carry it home to your dog on your shoes! Dilute chlorox (1:32) is one of the few disinfectants able to kill the virus.

The real key to prevention of Parvovirus is vaccination. For puppies, vaccination should commence between 7 and 8 weeks of age and continue at 2 - 4 week intervals until about 18 weeks of age, after which annual vaccination is recommended. Other viral diseases such as Canine Distemper, Parainfluenza, Hepatitis, etc., are also vaccinated for at this time. Do we still see cases of Parvovirus? Yes, certainly we do. In the last 2 months at our clinic we have had 4 cases of Parvovirus - all in unvaccinated dogs under one year of age. This is slightly higher than we would normally expect.

Interestingly enough, from a historical perspective, Parvovirus was only first identified in the early 1980's when it appeared all over the globe - a virtual epidemic never before encountered. Fortunately veterinary virologists worked quickly to develop an effective vaccine and it is no longer considered to be an epidemic. Virologists have speculated that it may actually

be a mutation of Panleukopenia, the cat distemper virus (also a parvovirus). Although they are related viruses, cats and dogs cannot infect each other with their respective parvoviruses.

One popular misconception that may contribute to owners inadequately vaccinating their puppies and therefore putting them at greater risk of becoming infected is the commonly used quotation "fully vaccinated", as applied to young puppies being sold at approximately 8 weeks of age. Many new owners are surprised and disappointed when they acquire a new 8 week old pup and are told by the vendor it is "fully vaccinated" and fully dewormed - only to discover during a visit to a veterinarian that the puppy has only had one vaccine and is in need of several more during the next few weeks. Not at all fully vaccinated. The phrase "fully vaccinated" is confusing to new pet owners and this terminology should be dropped entirely.

Diligent and responsible pet store owners and breeders will provide a detailed health record indicating the name and date of any vaccinations given, the age of the puppy at the time and the signature of the veterinarian administering the immunization. All new pet owners should request this information when purchasing a puppy.

On the bright side, dogs which become infected with Parvovirus and are able to survive it, develop long-lived immunity that may even be lifelong. However, it is hardly a risk most dog owners would ever consider taking and is a reminder to ensure your pet is properly vaccinated.



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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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**WEIR, Yvonne** - 76, Halifax, passed away peacefully January 13, 2003, at home, surrounded by her loving children who were her greatest pride in life. Born on Miscou Island, she was a daughter of the late John Elie and Helene (Chiasson) Ward. She was a devoted,

loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by daughters, Dianne (Ronald) Caswell, Halifax; Marlene (St. Barbe) Sladen, Mississauga, Ont.; Corrine (Rick) McComb, Halifax; sons, Danny (Jenny), Michael (Ada), both of Halifax; brothers, Amos, John Elie, Raymond, Jerry, Sylvio; sisters, Merilda, Bertha, Althea, Clara, Yzella; grandchildren, Nicole, Sarah, Daniel, Jessica and Keith. She was predeceased by her husband, Earl; sister, Rita. The remains are resting in Atlantic Funeral Home, 6552 Bayers Rd., where visitation will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday in St. John The Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Purcells Cove Road. Reception to follow in the church hall. Burial to follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations to Canadian Cancer Society. On-line condolences: [www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com](http://www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com)

**ROACH, Leo Felix** - 71, passed away Saturday, December 7, 2002, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late John and Sadie (Pottie) Roach. Leo was a retired taxi driver. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Chant) Roach, Halifax; sons, Ricky, Vancouver; Jamie, Montreal; daughters, Rhea (Duane) Weaver, Herring Cove; Susan (Pat) Duggan, Calgary; sister, Wanda (Ken) Slaunwhite, Sackville; grandchildren, Adam (Angela) Pellerine, Victoria; Trina Pellerine, Halifax; Darren, Debbie, Karen, all of Calgary. He was predeceased by brothers, Russell and Harold. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, Halifax. Donations to Canadian Cancer Society

**SUTTON (Kelly), Jocelyn Mary** - 50, Scarborough, Ont., passed away January 1, 2003, in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Kelly and Edna Kelly

(Halifax). Jocelyn graduated from Mount St. Vincent University with her bachelors of education, and taught for several years in the metro area. She is survived by her husband, James Sutton, Scarborough, Ont.; son, James Sutton Jr., Scarborough; sisters, Barbara (Joe) Rodgerson, Halifax; Tammy (Blair) Kelly, Harrietsfield; Deborah Kelly, Ottawa; brother, Joseph Kelly, Dartmouth; step-son, Paul Sutton; stepdaughter, Susan Sutton-Williamson, both of Vancouver; several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, Halifax. Memorial donations to the VG Site, QEII, Palliative Care Unit or Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation.

**POWER, Ronald Reginald Paul** - 70, Greystone Drive, Halifax, passed away in the V.G. Site, QEII, on January 3, 2003. Born in Halifax he was a son of Madeline (Wilson) Power, Halifax and the late Joseph Power. He is survived by daughters, Deidrea and Ronda, both at home; brother, Joseph Power, Halifax; sisters, Alma Poirier, Halifax; Patricia (James) Poirier, Cape Breton. He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley Louise MacDonald. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax. Interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations to Canadian Cancer Society.

**DRYSDALE, Florence May "Flo"** - 94, Melville Lodge, Halifax, passed away on January 10, 2003. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late George and Henrietta (Newcomb) Nightingale. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She is survived by her sons, William (Daisy) and Gordon (Jean) Drysdale, both of Halifax; daughters, Eileen (Clifford) Marriott, Evelyn (Roy) Maryatt, both of Halifax; Doreen (Earl) Taylor, Guysborough; Margaret, Lower Sackville; Violet (Raymond) Dort, Guysborough. She is also survived by many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her grandchild, Jimmy Drysdale, whom she raised as a son. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Drysdale and also Archibald Bailey. She was also predeceased by her sons, James, Dartmouth; John "Jack" Drysdale, British Columbia; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great great-granddaughter; brothers, Charles, George, James and Clarence; sisters, Cora, Carrie and Mary. Interment will be in

Sandhill Cemetery, Nine Mile River, Hants Co. at a later date. Donations may be made to the J. Albert Walker Golden Age Center, Spryfield or to the Adult Service Center, Prescott Street, Halifax.

**BURTON, Muriel Alberta** - 93, passed away January 12, 2003, in Melville Lodge. Born in Spryfield, she was a daughter of the late James and Caroline (Sutherland) Yeadon. She is survived by daughters, Shirley Goulden, Spryfield; Elizabeth "Betty" (Floyd) Slate, Dartmouth; brother, Edison Yeadon, Halifax; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George Burton; daughter, Barbara; brothers, Harry, Aubrey, Donald, Woodrow; sisters, Anna and Vivian in infancy; grandson, Barry. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Donations to a charity of choice.

**NEARY, Marie Agnes** - 85, Portuguese Cove, formerly of Brookside, passed away January 13, 2003, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Annie (Green) McNeil. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She is survived by son, James Neary, Halifax; daughter, Marie (Peter) Whitehead, Portuguese Cove; grandchildren, Chris, Michael, Marie, John, Peter, Dale, Allan, 11 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence Neary. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Rd., where visitation will be held 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today. Funeral service 10 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel. Burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

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ment that has made the wrong choices. And those choices continue to be favours to its friends and the wealthy and not real help for working Nova Scotian families.

Many of us hope for change with a new year, many of us hope for a fresh start. As a member of the NDP, and the Official Opposition in Nova Scotia, I have faith in the common sense of the voter and expect to see both these things to happen in the new year.

The people of this province, the people of Halifax Atlantic, can't afford to see even one more year of Tory government

On a community note I want to remind you of the Annual Health Fair to be held this year on Wednesday January 29th from 10:30 - 2:00 at South Centre Mall. The fair is always very well-attended and is an excellent opportunity for the members of our community to get in touch with the many resources that are available to them in establishing, and maintaining, quality of life.



There aren't too many places in the local area where the brave can go for a New Year's Polar Dip but Herring Cove's annual plunge off the Government Wharf continues to draw a crowd. Getting ready for the dip this year were Nick Power, Ben Dempsey, Maurice Martell, Gary Sullivan, Chairman, Margie Sullivan, Erin Sullivan and Annette Theriault of New Brunswick who also weathered the pressure to take the plunge.

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### Valentines Dance

Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Road, will hold a Valentines Dance Saturday February 15 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. For information call 477-2129.

### Annual Heritage Tea

The Mainland South Heritage Society will hold its annual Heritage Tea and Display on February 21, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Captain William Spry Library. All welcome.

### French Immersion Program Offered

Is your child starting school next year? Are you interested in enrolling them in the French Immersion program? Ecole Chebucto Heights Elementary School is offering a French Immersion program again this year. Registration for English and French primary is between February 10 - 13. Contact the school for further information: 479-4298 or ches@staff.ednet.ns.ca.

### Legion Events

Bingo- Every Sunday-Doors open at 12 p.m. - Bingo starts at 1p.m.

Senior's Day-February 3, from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring Newfie George.

February 11- General Meeting - All members welcome.  
February 14 -Valentine Dance - 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. - featuring "Big Deal" - Admission: \$5.00/person or \$8.00/Couple - Members & Guests Welcome.

February 22 -Art Rodgers Dart Tournament - Doors Open 9:30 a.m. with a start time set for 10 a.m. - Open to all members of the Halifax & District Men's Dart League.

February 23 - Elizabeth Sutherland Merchandise Bingo - Doors Open: 6:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

February 28 - Karaoke 9 pm to 1 am Members & guests welcome.

### Computer Health Access at Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #152 is providing a free health and lifestyle service to senior citizens and veterans. We can access through the internet; information on health issues, drug information and different health programs. This service is free and available five days a week; special requests for evening visits can be accommodated. Any interested persons should contact us at 477-0467.

### City Budget Input Requested

The City of Halifax is seeking public input to its budget debate this year. A public meeting with city financial staff will be held at the Keshen Goodman Public Library February 3, beginning at 7 p.m. For residents who want to offer their thoughts via internet, submissions can be forwarded to hrbudget@region.halifax.ns.ca.

### Minor Hockey Dance

The Chebucto Minor Hockey Association will be holding its annual dance on Saturday, February 15th. The Band, Tribute, will be playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Multi Purpose Centre in the Forum Complex. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$15.00 per couple. Please call Pat Arthur at 477-6441 for tickets.

### Urban Farm Meeting

The Urban Farm Museum Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. - Multi Purpose Room at the Captain William Spry Centre. Everyone welcome!

### Seedy Saturday

Gardeners' thoughts are turning to seeds at this time of year. Circle March 8, the 2nd Saturday in March, for the Urban Farm Museum Society's 4th Annual Seedy Saturday. This is a chance to trade and buy seeds and cuttings with other gardeners, 2 to 4 p.m., at Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road.

### Choir Being Formed

Singers (male and female) wanted. A new community singing group is being formed. If you are interested, please contact Dot Roberts at 479-2764.

### TAG offers "Plaza Suite"

To warm the spirit, the Theatre Arts Guild will present Neil Simon's hilarious comedy "Plaza Suite" February 20 to March 8. Directed by Robin Saywood and Co-Produced by Cheryl Theriault and Elaine Casey, there will be performances at 8 p.m. with one Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on March 2. The Reservation Box Office will open on January 18 for members and January 25 for non-members. Please call 477-2663 (24 hours).

### Searching For A Piano

The Captain William Spry Community Centre is pursuing a request from people in Spryfield to put a piano in the community meeting room at the Centre. If you have a piano in working or repairable condition that you would consider giving to the community, please phone 479-4487. (Purchase of a piano is not an option, unless for a nominal fee.) The Community Centre is also asking for donations to the Piano Fund, for repairs and regular tuning. All gifts and donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. One donation has already been received.

### Library Events

#### Heritage Day Celebration 2003

Friday, February 21 - 10 a.m. - noon - You are invited to a celebration of the rich history of Mainland South. Gather with members of the community to chat over coffee and view photos from the Mainland South Heritage Society's historical photo collection. If you wish, bring along your own historical family photos, and share

your stories and memories of the area. This program is co-sponsored by the Captain Spry Library and the Mainland South Heritage Society.

### Library Puppet Shows

Captain William Spry Library has Puppet Shows for all ages Saturdays at 11 a.m. Patrick the Pig and Moe the Crow invite you to bring the whole family and all your friends for a half hour of hilarious entertainment with a show featuring your favourite puppet characters. For group bookings, call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796. On February 1st the show will be the "Frog Prince." Library Tots n' Toys

### Back to mornings!

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages 5 and under. Preschoolers bring along a favourite toy or object for show and tell and enjoy wonderful stories every Tuesday morning. Songs, fingerplays, action rhymes and occasional simple crafts make this a great 45 minutes. There is no registration required for children and parents/caregivers, but groups are asked to call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796.

### Book Discussion Group for Adults

The Captain Spry Book Discussion Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Capt. William Spry Library and is a great way to meet new people and share in the enjoyment of good books in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Be ready for an hour and a half of animated discussion and a lot of fun. For more information call Scott Taylor at 490-5774. On Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. - discuss "Red Tent" by Anita Diamant.

### Children's Reading Support

Tuesdays to Thursdays - 3:30 - 7:30 pm & Saturdays /10 am - 2 pm. Captain Spry Library 490-5734.

### English Language Training Program

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Captain William Spry Public Library offers an English Language Training) ESL program, and provides a comfortable meeting space to work one-on-one with a tutor. Register at any time for this free program. For more information, call Nancy Wentzell at 490-5734.

### Tutoring in Reading, Writing and Math for Adults

Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. At the Capt. William Spry Library. This program is designed for learners who wish to improve their reading, writing and math skills. There is no fee for this program, and registration is ongoing. For more information, please call Kendall Murphy or Jeff Dodge at 490-5734.

### Reunion Planned

Members of the H-M-C-S>S> Bonnaventure and Magnificent are planning a reunion June 27 through 29, 2003.. There will be a gathering dinner at the Fleet Club during the event. The fee is \$35 per person. For information call (902) 455-2533 extension 8219; fax (902) 429-1710 or visit the website at www.fleetclubatlantic.ca.

### Pain Support Group Meets

The Pain Support Group is a self help group for pain sufferers dedicated to providing support to people in chronic pain. It meets the last Monday of each month with two meeting times available at 1p.m. and at 7p.m., Superstore Community Room, Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax NS. For info call 902-463-5757 or 902-479-0409 and leave a message.

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