

**CLEAN N.S. WELL & SEPTIC TESTS**

Clean Nova Scotia delivers an Environmental Home Assessment Program (EHAP). It provides homeowners living on septic systems and private water supplies with a free and confidential home visit and visual inspection of their septic system, well head, and oil tank. The program delivers information and savings right to your door. Homeowners receive a rebate of up to \$50 on their next septic pumping, free water conservation devices, samples of local environmentally friendly cleaning products, valuable tips and reference materials to enhance the performance and longevity of on-site septic systems, oil tank security, and tap-water quality. In addition, a septic system repair grant of up to \$3,000 is available to homeowners who qualify. EHAP is available province-wide; please call: 1-866-500-3427 or 1-800-665-5377 or e-mail [privett@clean.ns.ca](mailto:privett@clean.ns.ca) to register. More details at : [www.clean.ns.ca/content/EHAP\\_Overview](http://www.clean.ns.ca/content/EHAP_Overview)

**LOCAL STREET PAVING UPDATE**

Tenders for the paving of various local "J" Class subdivision streets have been issued. NS Tender #60140373 was for Sean's Lane, Evergreen Crescent, Melinda Drive, David Allen Drive, Emerald Drive and Spruce Court. NS Tender #60140374 was for Sandy Point Road, Mannette Court, Joan Elizabeth Way, James Roy Drive, Earl Court, Meadowview Drive, Doyle Drive, Roblea Drive, Roma Drive, Keating Drive, George Redmond Drive, and Bernice Drive. Both tenders close August 26th. The provincial work is expected to be completed by October 31st. And HRM Tender #10-224 for Bainbridge Court, Chamberlain Drive, Lenora Lane, Lorne Drive and Chater Drive closed June 30th and is almost complete.

**DEBACLE OVER BRIDGE BY-PASS**

The recent protest by a few residents that created the brief blockade of Lake Major Road was, in my opinion, inappropriate and a disservice to the greater community of North Preston. Especially since the old Crane Hill country logging road was fixed up to serve their sake specifically as a back-up emergency evacuation route. Last year, when the Long Lake Bridge was replaced, North Preston had to use the same detour as they do this year, but that was their only way in and out of the community. Over the last three years we have had two wildfires in our district area. And I could not in good conscience allow another construction project to potentially jeopardize this community again. Having local knowledge of the geography around the Ernst Mill Bridge, I brought to HRM's attention this old one-way backwoods route. HRM assessed several options to deal with local safety issues but this alternative was the only real solution to address the greater public good. If an emergency evacuation was necessary, then a coordinated convoy could be organized to safely extract all residents out of harm's way. However; this private roadway could not handle the day-to-day, two-way in and out traffic volumes from North Preston. This so-called "short-cut" would only save 2 kms in distance but takes much more time to travel through instead of the regular detour route via Upper Governor Street. Perhaps, I should have communicated to a larger audience about the purposes of this by-pass road. I want to thank the property owners of this private roadway for their genuine concern, understanding and cooperation. Hopefully we can abridge this calamity.

**AREA WATERSHED STUDY REMINDER**

As reported in August 2008 & 2010, Issues #129 & # 153, HRM has contracted CBCL Consulting Engineers to undertake a watershed quality study for the Porters Lake / Chezzetcook and surrounding areas. The objective of this study is to determine the opportunities for future development within these areas within the environmental capacity of land and receiving waters. The study will assess options for servicing the Porter's Lake centre with central water and sewer. Expect more details to unfold as the consultant will be engaging in several community contact sessions. A questionnaire survey on surface water use in the Porters Lake area is now available on-line at <http://www.surveymk.com/s/plwsurvey>, until September 30th. Please complete it if you have an interest in using the surface waters in the study area. (Porters Lake, Grand Lake, Lawrencetown Lake, Petpeswick Lake, Chezzetcook Lake / Sole's Lake, Chezzetcook Inlet, Three Fathom Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean ). If you have any further inquiries about the surface water quality questionnaire, please contact CBCL Limited at 421-7241: Gordon Smith at [gordons@cbcl.ca](mailto:gordons@cbcl.ca).



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