

TRANSIT TALKS STALL TRANSFERS

As a further update to my newsletters of June & July 2007 (Issues # 115 & # 116), Metro Transit has approved various aspects of my proposal that will see significant changes to our current Community Transit Service. A "Transfer" feature will be incorporated that will allow local patrons to utilize other conventional urban Metro Transit routes. Our Community Bus Fares will be harmonized with the rates charged by the Beaverbank Community Transit Service. The Adult Fare will remain at \$2.50 but the Senior / Child Fare will increase from \$1.25 to \$ 1.90 . Also Metro Transit Monthly Bus Passes and University Student U-Passes will be honoured. The Transfer Policy will be as follows :

IN-BOUND - Community Transit Users can transfer onto any other conventional urban Metro Transit or Metro-Link Express Routes with NO additional Charge.

OUT-BOUND - Metro-Link Express Users can transfer onto the Community Transit Service at NO additional Charge. Conventional urban Metro Transit Users need to pay an additional 50 cents to transfer onto the Community Transit Service.

These service modifications to the Preston - Porters Lake Community Transit will see its service run loop finish and re-start at the Portland Hills Terminal. It will be no longer necessary to venture further into town to Penhorn Mall, Micmac Mall, or the Tacoma Centre, because Community Transit Passengers can now access these places with other Metro Transit Buses. (Routes #'s 59, 61, 62, 65, 68, & 72). These service adjustments will also provide one additional morning and evening trip. However; current labour talks and a possible transit strike will stall and delay any implementation of this inter-transit transfer initiative. Further details will follow. Expect info pamphlets and new bus schedule to be distributed on the community bus as well as be posted on the HRM Web-site whenever it comes into effect.

HRM by DESIGN DOWNTOWN FORUM

The intent of the HRM by Design project is to articulate a design strategy that will foster high quality development and vibrant public spaces within the urban core of HRM. The general public are invited to participate in Forum # 4 at Pier 21 - Heritage Hall from Sept 10th - 13th. This Forum will focus on the Downtown Core. The 'Urban Design Symposium' will present alternative urban design approaches to downtown Halifax. Subject to the public input gathered during these workshops, one of the proposed schemes will go forward as HRM by Design's recommendation for future downtown development and will be considered by Regional Council for approval later this year. To register for these workshops, please contact HRM by Design at 490-1679 or e-mail leed@halifax.ca or go online at www.hrmbydesign.ca for more details.

SEASIDE TOURISM STRATEGY

The Seaside Tourism & Business Association has launched its Fall promotion "See You in September" to foster more tourism activity along the Eastern Shore. Billboard posters and literature will highlight a wide and diverse range of places, businesses, services, events, experiences, activities and attractions to entice local Metro residents and tourists alike to travel out along Highways # 7, # 107 and # 207. For more details, check out www.SeacoastTrail.com . There's so much to discover and savour, right here at home!

CANCER SOCIETY'S TRUNK SALE

Our local chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society will be having its Annual "Treasures in a Trunk" flea market on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 8 AM - 1 PM. (Rain Date: Sunday, Sept. 16th) at the Porter's Lake Superstore parking lot. To book selling spaces; call 827-4072 or 827-2926. To donate items, please drop off that day as early as possible from 7:30 AM on.

27th ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN

The 27th Annual Terry Fox Run at the Lake Echo Community Centre will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16th from 1-3 PM. Please call Mary Ann Bailey at 829-3903 for more event details.

FINAL TAX BILL DUE - SEPT. 28th

HRM sends out its property tax bills in two phases and invoices all property owners twice each year. An Interim Tax Bill was mailed back in March and the Final Tax Bill is mailed out in August with a final due date of Friday, September 28th.

CRAIG'S CAUSE FIRST BIKE TOUR

The late Craig Condon, a local resident that was an enthusiastic cyclist, passed away last year from pancreatic cancer. In honour of his life and last wish to seek a cure for this type of cancer, a research fund foundation has been established. On Saturday, Sept. 29th, the inaugural Craig's Cause memorial bike tour will be conducted around Porters Lake. The start & finish location of the bike tour will be at Porters Lake Provincial Park. The tour will have three different routes, of varying lengths, to accommodate various cycling fitness levels, including a route for families with younger children who would like to participate. To register for the bike tour and to get a pledge form, please go on-line and sign up at www.craigscouse.ca/events.html



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