

## **DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2009**

I have been elected by the HRM Council to serve as its Deputy Mayor for the upcoming year. This will be a honour for me to serve in this capacity. Whenever the Mayor is not available for certain functions, I will be expected to step in to fulfil his duties. This should be a challenging year ahead and I will do my best to represent us all.

## **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

Property Assessment Notices are expected to be mailed out by mid January. There will be a 21 day official Appeal Period whereby property owners can review and perhaps refute their appraisals. If you feel it is not assessed properly, then you should contact the NS Municipality Agency - Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) and speak with an Assessment Services representative. The PVSC Assessment Office is located at Park Place Two, 238-A Brownlow Avenue, Suite 200, Dartmouth, NS, B3B 2B4. Telephone: 720-7872 or by Fax: 720-7873 or Toll-Free: 1-800-667-5727 or 1-800-380-7775.

Property owners are encouraged to call and talk to an Assessor at this office, prior to appealing an assessment. Perhaps this approach may answer and clear up some questions that you may have, hopefully avoiding the time and expense of an appeal. If not, you have the right to make a formal appeal, IN WRITING, either by letter or fax or hand-delivered, which must be received by the Assessment Office on time before the deadline posted on the notice. Appeals by E-Mail are not yet acceptable by provincial legislation. If you should have any further enquiries about the appeal process, please refer to their Web-Site at: [www.PVSC.ca](http://www.PVSC.ca)

## **ICE & SNOW CONTROL ON ROADS**

The NS Dept. of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (NSDTIR) does most of the snow removal and ice control road services in District 3. Our local NS Highway Depot in Chezzetcook is at 827-2544. But for North Preston, Westphal, and all of the subdivision streets in the West & Upper Lawrencetown area, please call HRM Snow and Ice Control via the HRM Call Centre at 490-4000. Drivers can get up-to-date road conditions across Nova Scotia by calling the SNOW-line: 1-800-307-SNOW (7669) or 511 or in HRM at 424-3933 or on-line at [www.gov.ns.ca/tran](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tran) and click on the Road & Weather Report Icon Button. The SNOW-line is updated regularly at 7AM; 1PM; and 5PM or more frequently in case of a major storm event. For on-line info on HRM Ice & Snow Control Service Standards go to: [www.halifax.ca/Works/Streets/snow\\_ice.html](http://www.halifax.ca/Works/Streets/snow_ice.html)

## **YOUTH OF LAKE ECHO AREA**

The Youth of Lake Echo - Mineville & area are encouraged to get involved in planning functions and events for themselves. The Lake Echo Community Centre has a Youth Activity Room open house every Monday from 6-9 PM. HRM has had some open forums for the young people of the area, aged 13-18, to come forth and tell us what they would like to see and do in the community. The next Youth Forum meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 10th at 12 Noon and a possible movie night or dance is being planned for Friday, January 31st at 7 PM. For more details, please refer to [www.hrm.youth.ca](http://www.hrm.youth.ca) or contact Lee Moore 490-5461 or by e-mail at [moorel@halifax.ca](mailto:moorel@halifax.ca) and keep a look out for a Facebook page too.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH FUNDING**

There are two Community Health Boards (CHB's) that serve the District 3 area that have funding available for local groups and organizations working to improve the health and well being of its citizenry. Application deadline is January 12th. Before applying for project funding, all applicants are asked to contact their respective CHB Coordinator to discuss their project idea and receive an application form. The Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit CHB serves the communities of Lake Echo, Porters Lake, Three Fathom Harbour, Seaforth, the Chezzetcooks, Conrod Settlement, Gaetz Brook and beyond. And the Southeastern CHB serves the communities of Cole Harbour, Westphal, Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, Lake Major, East Preston, North Preston, Lawrencetown, and Mineville. Please contact Cathy Leslie for the Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit CHB at 889-4118 or [cathy.leslie@cdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:cathy.leslie@cdha.nshealth.ca) or Anna Jacobs for the Southeastern CMB at 460-6888 or [anna.jacobs@cdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:anna.jacobs@cdha.nshealth.ca)



*Happy  
New Year!*



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