

PORTERS LAKE WATERSHED STUDY

As reported in August 2008, Issue # 129, before the Community Visioning exercise for the Porters Lake area can proceed, a servicing analysis needs to be undertaken. I am very pleased to announce that HRM has contracted the services of CBCL Consulting Engineers to undertake this prerequisite study for the Porter's Lake / Chezzetcook and Lake Echo centres and surrounding areas. The objective of the Study is to determine the opportunities for future development within these areas within the environmental capacity of land and receiving waters. The study will also assess options for servicing the Porter's Lake centre with central water and sewer and options for servicing land within the Lake Echo centre with on-site and/or cluster septic systems. If the analysis reveals that there is a significant problem with water quality and/or quantity in the Lake Echo Centre, the consultant shall examine options for the provision of central water to the Lake Echo Centre. The initial report on this process was provided to Council back in February / March 2008. To see that report, please go to this link : www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/080304ca82.pdf . Expect more details to unfold as the consultants 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>, please complete the questionnaire if you have an interest in using the surface waters in the study area. A similar survey for Lake Echo will be posted early next year. If you want more information about the project, please contact either myself, or HRM's Project Coordinator Maureen Ryan at ryanm@halifax.ca. If you have queries about the surface water quality questionnaire, please contact CBCL Limited at 421-7241: Gordon Smith at gordons@cbcl.ca

FRENCH SCHOOL IN OUR AREA ?

On June 7th, a community meeting was held in West Chezzetcook with the Superintendent and some members of the CSAP (Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial - Provincial Acadian School Council). A committee has been started and its goal is to revitalize the French language and culture in our area. They will be pursuing a French School for the Eastern Shore in the near future. Their short-term goal is to open a French 4 Plus Program this September 2010 that would be run by the CSAP. To get more information, please e-mail : acfees@yahoo.ca with your name and contact information. Or call Nicole at 827-4842 or the CSAP Regional Office at 433-7045. Your child must be 4 years old by December 31st, 2010, and qualifies for French learning, The program is expected to run Monday to Friday for 6 hours and it will be free to those pupils. It will also be done on a first-come, first-serve basis as space may be limited.

SATURDAY COMMUNITY TRANSIT

Once again, Community Transit will offer Saturday service during the summer months until Sept.4th Labour Day Weekend. For more details on the summer schedule, go to: www.halifax.ca/metrotransit/documents/porterslakejune29.pdf. Our current transit weekday schedule is being monitored for review for some possible service time adjustments. If ridership remains low, then some service changes will be recommended, Local notification about any pending bus route alternations and schedule service time adjustments will be done before they come in effect in November 2010.

2010 HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS

HRM Community Grants Program awards annual grants to registered non-profit organization as a modest assistance to community-based volunteer initiatives. This year, 98 applications were received requesting \$836,125.00 in total. But only 73 requests were granted with aid totalling \$464,948.00 A complete detailed copy of this year's Council report is available at : www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/100622ca1131.pdf Here is a list of grants that were awarded to local organizations in our district area:

- \$15,000 - Eastern Shore Ground Search & Rescue.
- \$14,000 - Seaforth Community Hall Society.
- \$6,725 - North Preston Downey Road Cemetery Society.
- \$2,500 - Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild.
- \$1,885 - West Chezzetcook - Grand Desert Community Interest Group.
- \$1,500 - Black Ice Hockey & Sports Hall of Fame Society.
- \$1,500 - Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association.



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Sun-Safe Summer**

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