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Dear Community Centre Neighbour,

This is an exciting time in East Dartmouth and we want to take this opportunity to ensure you are aware of a major community-led project which is underway near your home.

As you may be aware, in March 2005 the Halifax Regional Municipality approved \$1.1 million towards the construction of a long hoped for community centre in East Dartmouth. The province of Nova Scotia has subsequently announced an additional \$1.1 million and we are hopeful that the federal portion of this project will be announced in due course.

This project is led by a community board called the Dartmouth East Recreation Centre Society, and it is supported by area politicians of all political stripes and levels of government. A location has been selected between Caledonia Junior High School and the Beazley Field parking lot. The proposed facility would be approximately 20,000 square feet over two floors and would house the East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club, a regional police office, other community support organizations, and meeting room and gymnasium space for use by the community.

Recently, HRM made an award for architectural services to Sperry and Partners and we anticipate the proposed building layout will be presented to the public for comment in the coming months. Our current plan suggests we may break ground on this project this summer or fall and complete construction in mid-2007.

As a neighbour to this facility it's important to us that you are aware of this project and any concerns you have are properly addressed. All of the public documents associated with this project can be found on the web at:
<http://www.halifax.ca/districts/dist06/District6-EDCC.html>

On behalf of everyone involved with this project we look forward to working with you over the coming years. Should you have any questions or concerns about the Community Centre plans, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us.

Sincerely,

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