
Speaking Notes

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Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund

**East Dartmouth Community Centre
Sod Turning Event**

Saturday, August 11, 2007 1:00 pm

East Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Councillor Younger, Mr. Gillis, Mr.
Burton , Mr. Curry, distinguished guests,
ladies and gentlemen.

My thanks to all of you for coming.

Today is a great day for the community
of East Dartmouth. It's wonderful to be
part of such a happy occasion and such
an exciting project.

No investment could pay larger returns than bringing a community together for celebrations ... and bringing young people together for recreation.

By investing in stronger, healthier communities, we're building a stronger Nova Scotia.

Today's sod turning is taking us another step closer to providing the people of East Dartmouth with a first-class community centre.

I know this centre will be a source of pride for the residents of East Dartmouth.

Many hands have come together to make this happen. My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

Certainly, your councillor — Andrew Younger— has made this community centre a priority. He made sure everyone in our government knew the importance of moving ahead with this project.

And congratulations to John Burton and the East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club — for their tireless effort and commitment.

I know this project has the strong backing of a supportive community.

Today is a celebration of that spirit and commitment.

The new community centre will be a gathering place for young and old ... and a symbol of community pride.

Today's sod turning is also symbol of partnership... a partnership that has been forged between the federal, provincial and municipal governments to build stronger, healthier communities throughout Nova Scotia.

And as we are seeing today—the investments made through the Canada/Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund benefit communities.

These investments help to build and expand cultural and recreation facilities, foster community spirit, and improve lifestyles.

It is always exciting to be part of something new ... particularly when it will bring so much joy to so many people.

It has been a great pleasure for me to share in this celebration.

Thank you.