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Greetings:

As I sit to write this, we are in the midst of another 'snow event'. It is perhaps a more gentle word for 'snowstorm', and at HRM that is how we refer to one! In this article, I am including snow standards, which I hope will assist you in understanding the snow clearing process for streets and sidewalks in HRM. If you have questions or concerns please contact the call centre at 490-4000 or contact me directly.

In 2009, I anticipate a very busy period, as there are numerous projects in the planning stages that will soon become a reality in our community. A few were delayed as the first snowfall of winter took us by surprise and pushed projects into the spring. Regardless, they will get done! I expect that we will undertake a period of community consultation with respect to a few of these projects and I encourage interested residents to attend these whenever possible.

In June 2008, for the first time EVER, I was able to get Eastern Passage/Cow Bay short-listed and identified in the 'Communities Facility Master Plan'. This was very exciting for me, as a new councillor, and exciting for our community as well. I found it discouraging to hear recently that a number of residents are not aware of how far we have made it in the process in a very short period of time. This community is on a 'very short' priority list and HRM staff has recognized service delivery gaps in our community. Fingers are crossed that the 2009 budget allows us to move forward in the 'queue' and to begin community consultation during this year.

During 2009, there will be several projects begun or completed that will benefit our community and residents. I am very excited to share those projects with you over the next several months. As always, I appreciate the communication I have with many of you and encourage you to e-mail ideas and thoughts about our community. I encourage you to get in contact with me should you have questions or concerns.

It is very disheartening to hear when residents have inaccurate information about District 8 issues. There is no reason for that to be the case and I will continue to invite you to be in contact with me when you have something to discuss or inquire about. For my part, I will continue to keep you informed through my monthly Beacon article and through my HRM newsletter that you will receive in the mail a few times each year. I will also continue to use the Community Information Board at Quigley's Corner and Seaside FM on occasion. Other outlets will be used as necessary.

To be true to myself and the people who have elected me, I need to be very clear about something. I will do my best to represent you and I hope that you will do what you can to help me to do that. In politics we sometimes witness time go by as we argue and work against each other...for whatever reason...and nothing is accomplished. It is not my will to do that. I intend to make the best decisions that I am able to for my community, and I hope that as the next few years pass by we can honestly recognize the good that will come of working together to make Eastern Passage/Cow Bay a better place to live.

Good wishes for 2009.

With kindest regards,

Jackie

TALLAHASSEE YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE

The Tallahassee Youth Drop In Centre is now open. The Centre is open Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00-6:00 pm for ages 10-12 and 6:30-8:30 pm for ages 13-17. Admission is \$2 per visit or purchase a membership for \$15 and get 15 visits (membership also gives you half price admission to special events). Play video games, air hockey, fuzzleball or listen to music, watch movies or just hang out with friends. The Centre is located in the Tallahassee Recreation Centre at 168 Redoubt Way. For more info call 465-8734.

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a community meeting to discuss a high school for the Eastern Passage area on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm at the Eastern Passage Education Centre. All are welcome to attend.

CERTIFICATES

If you or a family member is celebrating a monumental birthday (75 and up) or wedding anniversary (50 or more), please contact me and our office will arrange a certificate to commemorate the event.

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Wondering when your ROAD will be cleared of snow after a storm?

HRM asks that residents please allow **12 hours after the end of the snowfall** for crews to plow **main roads and bus routes.**

HRM asks that residents please allow **24 hours after the end of the snowfall** for crews to plow **residential and rural streets.**

Please note: Vehicles left on the street interfere with snow cleaning operations and may be ticketed and towed.

HRM requests the cooperation of residents during a snowstorm. Please visit our website <http://www.halifax.ca/works/street/servicesstand.html> for more information on our street clearing standards or if you have lawn or other damage due to snow removal operations, please call 490-4000.

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