

Dear Resident,

The response to my online newsletter has been great and I appreciate the positive feedback from those residents that received the first edition. It is meant as another way to stay in touch with you, and to share information from HRM and local community groups and organizations.

On another note, the weather lately has been wonderful, and I hope you are enjoying the changes that this time of year brings! For those of you who enjoy walking, hiking, and biking, I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the wonderful trails throughout HRM. Information may be found at <http://www.halifax.ca/rec/Walking.html>

Please contact me should you have anything to share.

Warmest Regards,

Jackie

### **Tallahassee Youth Night**

Tallahassee Youth Night will start Friday, April 2, 2010. It will be held every Friday from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. It is a program with many activities in the gym, video games etc. This a program for students at Eastern Passage Education Centre. There is also time during the evening when they will be doing group activities. The staff are hoping to get direction from the youth for future activities and theme nights. The program is no cost but there is a cost for items from the canteen. Tallahassee Youth Night is not a drop-in program. For more info please contact Nancy MacAloney at 465-8734.

### **WANTED - A FEW GOOD WOMEN OR MEN!!**

#### **Bicycle Nova Scotia**

There are immediate openings: (Contact Bob White at [bikebob@eastlink.ca](mailto:bikebob@eastlink.ca) for further information)

Bicycle Nova Scotia - VP of Touring and Trails. One must be a member of BNS to serve on this committee (a general membership is \$25 a year, if you are a member of a BNS club, you are already a member of BNS / CCA) . They would like to recruit a replacement ASAP.

NS Trails / TC Trails - Director - must be a member of BNS and approved by the board of BNS to hold the BNS board position on NS Trails / TC Trails. You will also be involved with the NS Trails - Let's Get Active program, not necessarily to chair, but on the committee, as well as the NS trails warden program

Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA) - the position of Treasurer, as well as serving on the events committee - one must be involved with a trail group (not a difficult thing to accomplish)

NS Bikeways Steering Committee - committee member. If you are interested in serving this committee, which was struck from the various NS Bike Summits to improve infrastructure for recreational cyclists in NS, this may be of interest to you.

Shubenacadie Canal Commission - Interested in this exceptional asset, trails, canals and waterways? Bob can provide you with particulars as to how to apply for provincial / municipal representation to serve as a commissioner. They are great folks!

### **Community Development Fund**

The Southeastern Community Health Board (SECHB) is once again offering our Community Development Fund to groups and organizations in this health board area that are working to improve the health of our communities. If your organization is addressing a priority health issue identified by your community, or one or more of the priority health issues identified by our Community Health Board - creating active and engaged communities, building self-esteem in youth, building stronger families, transportation, the impact of racism on mental health, access to health services and programs and the impact of poverty on health - we hope you'll consider applying for this fund.

Our next deadline is Monday, May 10th, 2010. Please call me if you have ideas for a project or a proposal and would like an application form. Our intention is to make this process as simple as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Anna

Jacobs at 460-6888.

### **Crosswalk Safety**

Whether it is marked or not, under the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act, every place where one street intersects another is legally a crosswalk. The same legislation requires that drivers yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Pedestrians must also take care to ensure their path is clear before walking out into traffic. Even where there are overhead lights which you have engaged, always check to ensure drivers see you before proceeding across a roadway. Based on national standards, painted crosswalks are put in places where traffic is sufficiently heavy that there are less than 120 opportunities to cross per hour during peak times and also that there are more than 20 pedestrian crossings per hour in at least one hour of the day. An opportunity to cross is also referred to as a gap and ranges from 9 to 15 seconds in length depending on the road width.

### **Council maintains integrated police service in Halifax Regional Municipality**

Halifax Regional Municipal Councillors decided that HRM will continue to use two police services throughout the municipality, maintaining the status quo. Councillors had been discussing a comprehensive study and recommendation from the Board of Police Commissioners for a unified police service in HRM.

In 2006, Council asked the Police Commission - which includes members of HRM Council, a provincial appointee, and members of the public - to determine an effective, long-term police resourcing strategy within the context and timing of the Provincial Policing Contract regarding the RCMP, which expires in March 2012.

The Police Commission spent three years on the project. In 2008, consultants Perivale and Taylor reviewed existing police services in HRM with a view to identifying alternative models based on service, accountability and cost. Deloitte and Touche validated the cost assumptions and performed a financial analysis of the business cases provided by two policing agencies.

Members of Halifax Regional Council expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Board of Police Commissioners for the thoroughness of its efforts to meet Council's 2006 request.

"Council was presented with detailed, comprehensive information on which to base its decision," said Mayor Peter Kelly. "After careful consideration, council endorsed the status quo."

Councillor Russell Walker, Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, said the decision affirms Council has confidence in the high quality public service provided by Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP.

"Ultimately, the Police Commission did its work, met Council's request and the public knows that this municipality has demonstrated full confidence in both of its policing agencies," said Councillor Walker.

Information regarding the Police Resourcing Study will be posted to [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) as it is available. Hard copies will be available in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

### **Neighbourhood Cleanup**

Well, spring means melted snow, and that means garbage is now visible on the ground. I have had a couple of inquiries about organizing a spring neighbourhood clean up. Clean Nova Scotia and HRM can help. The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up is a campaign coordinated by Clean Nova Scotia and supported in part by HRM that encourages Nova Scotians to get together to pick up litter. For more information please contact Clean Nova Scotia at 420-3474.

### **Dartmouth Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The Dartmouth WWTF continues to treat wastewater flows. Commissioning of the WWTF is in its final stages after completion of a 14 day performance test. The focus at this point is to ensure the facility meets all project specifications for odour and effluent quality, prior to achieving substantial completion.

### **HRM's Vision**

"HRM is a vibrant, caring, and connected community. Our community is built upon diverse cultures, respects the environment and our heritage, supports economic prosperity, and celebrates active citizenship."