

Dear resident,

Thank you for the ongoing feedback regarding my online newsletter! I appreciate your comments and suggestions, and certainly enjoy hearing from you.

From my wonderful neighbour who lives up the street...to a favourite school teacher who I have been fortunate enough to reconnect with after 30 plus years...I appreciate the opportunity to represent District 8 at City Hall, and I look forward to working together.

Warmest regards,  
Jackie

### **HRM Reveals Citizen Survey Results**

(Tuesday, March 23rd, 2010) - Results of a recent Citizen Survey were presented to HRM Council at a Committee of the Whole session earlier today by Thinkwell Research, an independent research company, that administered the survey.

The survey which was conducted over a six week period ending on February 5th, 2010, covered 23,400 households within HRM. Overall, a completion rate of 10.3%, or 2420 completed surveys were received during this time, resulting in a sample size large enough to identify key issues and trends.

Response to the survey has been encouraging and shows us that Council Focus Areas and HRMs strategic priorities are in line with citizens concerns, said Mayor Peter Kelly.

According to the survey, almost 80% of residents are satisfied with the quality of life in HRM, and believe that it is a good place to live. A slightly smaller percentage, between 65% to 70%, noted that HRM was a good place to raise a family, work or retire, and nearly half of those surveyed, felt that the quality of life had stayed the same or improved. Factors that contributed towards a better quality of life include improved public transportation, an increase in amenities, shops and restaurants, as well as access to healthcare and doctors. Increase in crime, higher taxes, and traffic congestion were the primary concerns amongst the 25% of residents that believe the quality of life has worsened over the past five years.

Findings also revealed that about 44% of residents are satisfied with the overall direction of Municipal government but almost half, or 45%, feel that their voices are not heard or reflected in Councils decision-making. A significant number of residents expressed that it is important for councillors to work together to resolve issues that face the entire region, to deal with local issues, and to assist them in dealing with issues that they have with HRM services.

With regard to improving the economic prosperity for the region, 51% of citizens would like to see an improvement in road conditions, and between 30% to 40% expressed the need for greater investments in the transit system, change in the tax structure, increased public safety, and an increase in efforts to attract as well as retain young professionals to the region.

I would like to thank everyone that participated for taking the time to complete the survey. This information is extremely valuable and will help us address some of the issues that citizens identified as important to the quality of life in HRM, said Mayor Peter Kelly. The results will be incorporated into our future business plans and will help shape the future of HRM.

Detailed results of the survey along with tabular data are available to the public on HRMs website:

<http://halifax.ca/CitizenSurvey/>

### **Fundraising Tea**

April 29th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Dartmouth Heritage Museum, 26 Newcastle Street, Dartmouth

464-2300 to make your reservation for either 2:00 or 3:00

\$5 (includes a tour of Evergreen and current exhibit)

Come in from the cold and spoil yourself with tea, coffee, fabulous baked goods, jams, jellies or cream.

### **Upcoming Art Exhibit**

"Four Work & Play"

Jane Scholsberg, Kay Stanfield, Susan Vitale & Robert E. Williams

May 1 - 29th

Tuesday - Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-1 & 2-5

Dartmouth Heritage Museum, 26 Newcastle Street, Dartmouth

464-2300 for more information

Admission price of \$2

Help us celebrate the 10th anniversary of art excellence in the community! The four instructors of the Dartmouth Art

Students' League are excited to co-exhibit for the first time at the Dartmouth Heritage Museum.

### **Book signing with John D. Hartley!**

"Imperoyal Village - Our Place in the Past"

May 15, 2010

3:30 - 5:30

Dartmouth Heritage Museum, 26 Newcastle Street, Dartmouth

464-2300 for more information

Company towns and villages were essential roots in the growth of Canada. This book is the story of one such venture, Imperoyal Village, in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Crucially located on the shores of Halifax Harbour, Dartmouth attracted several industries, including Imperial Oil. The company built its refinery behind MacNab's and Georges' islands just as World War I was ending. Imperoyal Village was established between the refinery and the Shearwater Naval Air Station. The Village was the author's home. He takes us on a journey through the early years, the depression, and the war and post-war years. We see Imperoyal Village through villagers' stories and archival and personal photographs. We experience the Wonder Town as it once was.

The Dartmouth Heritage Museum is so pleased to host Rev. Dr. John Hartley's book launch! Join us, meet the author, and learn much, much more about the fabric of our community!

Dartmouth Historical Association presents to its members and the members of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society...

Field Trip to Historical Liverpool (with financial support from Elder Learners)  
May 19, 2010  
Leaves Findlay Community Centre, Elliot Street, Dartmouth at 8:30 by bus  
Please register by May 5, 2010  
Contact Harry Chapman 469-2018 or Carmen Moir 463-6616  
\$15 per person

- Tour Queen's County Museum and Simeon Perkins House
- Lunch at Royal Canadian Legion Hall 12:30 p.m.
- Guided bus tour of historical Liverpool Town with stops at the Lighthouse Museum and old Burial Ground.
- Leave Liverpool for Dartmouth at 3:00 p.m.

### **UPASS Program**

NSCC students have endorsed the UPASS program and we will be moving forward with the contract to ensure the program is in place by the beginning of the Fall Semester. We look forward to Metro Transit working in partnership with NSCC on your new U-Pass Agreement.

### **New Metro Transit Route**

" Metro Transit is planning the introduction of a new Route #57 Russell Lake in August 2010 which should greatly benefit the residents of District 8. Pending final HRM Budget approvals, the new route will be a fully accessible low floor(ALF) route, operating weekdays, Saturdays & Sundays from Portland Hills Terminal to Woodside, via Baker Drive. Upon the introduction of the new # 57 Russell Lake, the route # 65 Astral will terminate at Portland Hills Terminal and no longer travel along Portland Street. This service will be provided by the route # 57 Russell Lake.

It is proposed that the new # 57 will run on weekdays and Saturdays, every 30 minutes from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and every 60 minutes from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. On Sundays and Holidays, it will run every 60 minutes from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Passengers from Eastern Passage will be able to transfer from the route # 60 Eastern Passage to the new # 57 on Pleasant Street, between Acadia Street and Atlantic Street.

Once approved in the HRM Budget, the Route # 57 Russell Lake schedule will be finalized. Peak hour service on this route will also be coordinated with the Woodside ferry connections. More details will be publicized and information circulated throughout the transit system's regular information outlets, once this process is complete, prior to the implementation date of the new Route # 57 Russell Lake.

### **Community Garden**

Do you live in an apartment or condo, and wish you could grow a few vegetables or herbs? We have space available for several personal garden plots at the community garden. We will provide the space and you will plant and tend your own little garden bed. Please give us a call at 465-1159 if you would like to book yours today.

### **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.

### **New Location Woodlawn Library**

The Woodlawn Library is now located at the old site of the Empire Theatres, 650 Portland St. The new Metro Transit route # 57 will service this area and is a direct connection from Eastern Passage.

### **RCMP Increasing Foot Patrols This Year**

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), N.S....  
Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Halifax District will be increasing the number of foot patrols this year on the pathways, around business, recreation areas and streets.

Supt. Darrell Beaton the Officer In Charge, \* Residents in the HRM can expect to see more RCMP officers out of their police cars and walking in the communities, with an emphasis on pathways and higher than normal crime areas. With this effort, it will increase police visibility and enhance community engagement with our citizens\*

Foot patrols will ensure the safety of residents who are utilizing these areas and will reduce both the fear of and the incidence of crime.

RCMP officers on foot patrols will foster greater rapport and trust between HRM residents to better identify neighborhood problems and potential solutions.

The foot patrols will take place in the follow areas, but not limited to these areas. They are the main areas of concentration:

#### Eastern Passage Zone

- McCormick's Beach / Boardwalk / Wharf
- Needs Convenience to Tim Horton's
- Cow Bay Strip Mall / Grocery store to Liquor store
- EPEC
- Greenridge Mobile Home Park
- Birchill Mobile Home Park
- Shearwater Flyer Trail (Shearwater to Howard)
- Shearwater Flyer Trail (Near intersection of Caldwell and Hines Road)
- Eastern Passage Legion
- Buffalo Club
- Seaside Elementary
- Fisherman's Cove
- Foot paths from Tallahassee to skate park & field house.
- Foot paths from Thorncrest to Heritage Hills.
- Foot paths from Atikian to Astour Cres.

#### Cow Bay Zone

- Cow Bay Rd at Moose and the paths to Silver Sands Beach.
- Cow Bay Rd area at Dyke Rd (700 block)
- Rainbow Haven Beach
- Path Astour Drive to Heritage Hills
- Surfers Beach near Cow Bay Church
- Salt Marsh Trail, near barn or at the dyke
- Heritage Trail near Dyke Road
- Spruce Drive / Silver Court

### **Shore Road Property Purchased by HRM**

On March 25th, 2010 HRM purchased the property at 2059 Shore Road. I am pleased to announce that we have acquired this land for parkland.

### **Hines Road**

A public information meeting was held on March 31 to discuss an application by Armco Capital Inc to allow residential development on 66 acres of land on Hines Road. The developer presented a concept showing 180 apartment/condo units in 3 six storey buildings, and 54 townhouses. All driveway access was shown to be from Hines Road. A large wetland on the site would be preserved. Numerous issues were raised by the public such as undesirability for access from Howard Avenue, odour problems from the sewage treatment plant, traffic concerns, noise and safety issues relating to the helicopter base at Shearwater, potential for shadows on existing homes, and school capacity. City staff recognized these concerns.

City planning staff will now be undertaking a detailed review of the developer's application and the public input. Each of the issues raised needs to be addressed. Additional public meetings and public hearings would be necessary before any development could take place. Such meetings will be advertised and nearby property owners will receive notices directly from HRM in the mail well in advance of meetings.

### **Merchandise Bingo**

Sunday, May 2, 2010

2 - 5 PM

Doors open at 1 pm

Canteen on site

North Woodside Community Centre

230 Pleasant St.

Dartmouth

Proceeds in support of the Centre

### **Fisherman's Cove World Oceans Day Events June 6, 2010**

The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up

Marine related crafts for children

Scavenger Hunt for Families

Exhibits - related to our delicate coastal environment

Puppet Shows

Musical entertainment

This is a great family-centered event, open to everyone. Although still in the planning stages, it promises to be a wonderful celebration of our seaside environment, with a heavy concentration on environmental stewardship.

### **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."