

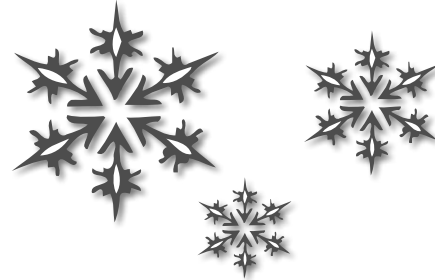


District 10

Clayton Park West

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A Lot To Be Thankful For

When I think about the past year, I realize a lot has happened. As residents of District 10, we not only have the new Canada Games Centre, we also have the Chain of Lakes Trail, the Washmill Lake Underpass and the beautiful St. Benedict's Church. In addition, the Stratford Way Park and Korean War Veteran's Memorial is an on-going project providing a garden for everyone's enjoyment. This project is expected to be completed in 2011.

Those who live in the Upper Main Avenue and Mandaville Court area now have new and improved streets with paved sidewalks which allow children to walk safely to and from school.

We will soon have a magnificent addition to the Soccer Nova Scotia Facility. The sod turning event has taken place and it is now in the construction stage. George Athanasiou and Mike Maddalena held several meeting with Councillors Walker, Hum and myself as well as talks with the Federal and Provincial Governments. Congratulations to both of you, as it was through your perseverance and great love of soccer that you achieved the funding for the new soccer facility.

My final thought is that the recession took its toll on many of us; however, through the stimulus funding from the Federal Government, many projects were approved in HRM which kept people employed, and at the same time, provided us with new facilities and infrastructure.

May all of you have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends and a very happy and successful New Year.

FCM Committees

As your Councillor, I represented HRM as an Atlantic Director for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This is a strong organization that is regarded highly by the Federal Government. My involvement allowed me the privilege of networking with many Members of Parliament and other representatives of the Federal Government presenting me with an excellent opportunity to discuss municipal issues.

The FCM Committees I served on were:

- Socio-Economic Development Committee which deals with affordable housing and homelessness, aboriginal relations, immigration, as well as racism and discrimination;

- Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee which deals with issues such as pandemic planning and gang research; and
- Women in Government Committee which involves encouraging women to participate in government as well as supporting women in other countries who are involved in politics.

These meetings and conferences were intense and involved long hours of work; however, it was worth it as FCM was the main persuader in convincing the Federal Government to provide the stimulus funding.

We are excited to be hosting the FCM National Conference in June 2011 as the last time we had the privilege of being the host city was in 1999. This event will bring thousands of participants which helps boost our economy and provides an excellent opportunity to show off our great municipality and the new facilities we acquired as a result of the Canada Games.

Northcliffe Community Centre

The Northcliffe Community Centre was a wonderful facility in its time but will be closing at the end of March 2011 when the new Canada Games Centre is fully opened to the public. Unfortunately, the hot tubs had to be removed from the facility; but, the good news is that the new Canada Games Centre will have a wonderful new hydrotherapy pool which can accommodate several users.



Naming of Africville Road



Fencing Demo for Canada Games



Uganda Celebration of Independence Day



Opening of St. Benedict's Church

Communities In Bloom



Halifax Regional Municipality (Transportation & Public Works) recently hosted 400 delegates

from across Canada and abroad celebrating the Communities in Bloom 2010 National Symposium and Awards Ceremonies. Delegates from across Canada, Belgium, Scotland, United States, Japan, United Kingdom, and Czech Republic participated in the celebration of community, people, plants and pride.

Highlights of this year's ceremonies included a flag exchange with our international guests, a three day symposium on environmental horticulture, planting of a ceremonial "Friendship Tree" in the Grand Parade, a technical visit to the Nova Scotia Community College and concluded with the provincial and national award ceremonies held at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

I was honoured to welcome delegates throughout the event and was pleased to accept the award presented to HRM for recognition of overall commitment and countless contributions to the program.

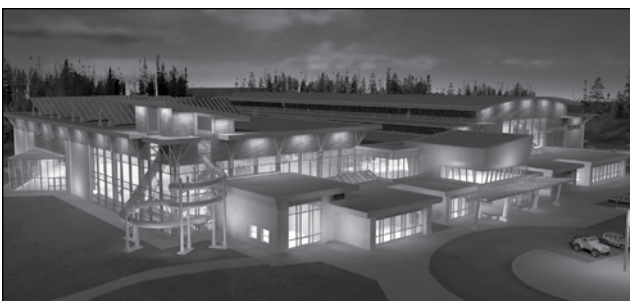
Congratulations to all 2010 provincial, national and international winners and thank you to all participating communities for your commitment to a program designed to create civic pride and community engagement.

For further information on the Communities in Bloom Program and to check out this year's winning municipalities visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

Canada Games Centre

I have been watching the development of the new Canada Games Centre with great excitement. I have toured the facility with government representatives, the media, and the Canada Games 2011 Board. All visitors were very pleased with the facility and agree it will be a wonderful showcase for the Games and for the Municipality. As residents of District 10, 15 and 16, we are fortunate to have this facility in our neighbourhood. It has one of the largest solar installations in Canada with over two hundred solar panels on the roof that will heat the facility's water and contribute to the overall green features of the building. Once commissioned, the centre will host three Canada Games test events, providing staff and volunteers with an excellent training experience. An open house is being planned sometime early in the New Year. It will be a fun day and the public will have an opportunity to see this fantastic facility. Keep your eyes open for an announcement of this event.

Regional Council will confirm the Canada Games Board appointments in the near future. Once Council confirms all appointments the names of board members will be posted on the Boards and Committees page of the HRM web site at www.halifax.ca. The General Manager is Gary Furlong, who has over 15 years experience in the field of recreation, sports and facility administration. I am sure everyone joins me in welcoming Gary to our community.



Canada Games Update

The countdown is on. In February 3,000 athletes, coaches and managers, 1,000 VIPs, and more than 6,000 volunteers will gather in Halifax to take part in the largest multi-sport event held in Nova Scotia and the first Canada Winter Games ever held in Halifax.

On November 9, the Canada Games Host Society announced they have reached their target for volunteer recruitment. More than 1,000 are bilingual, and more than half have chosen to submit their names to Events Nova Scotia to be contacted for future volunteer opportunities. I am pleased that our volunteers represent many diverse communities and groups including First Nations, racially visible minorities and persons with disabilities.

For those who missed the chance to volunteer, there are many other ways to "Get in the Games." Tickets and ticket packages can be purchased online, and people are encouraged to attend any or all of the free events at sport venues. Celebration Square at Grand Parade will host a free nightly concert, as well as daily presentations and performances by local community groups and artists. You can also interact with the Games online at www.canadagames2011.ca

The New Lacewood Terminal

Metro Transit is in the process of replacing the Lacewood Terminal to accommodate the growing population in this area and to increase terminal accessibility and passenger amenities.

On November 1st, Chebucto Community Council approved, in principle, the recommendation that the Willett Street site be pursued as the location for the new Lacewood Terminal. Chebucto Community Council will forward the recommendation to Regional Council for approval. Planning Services will be working through the process to amend the Land-Use Bylaw to allow the transit terminal to be built on the Willett Street site. This will require a public hearing. If the public hearing results in a decision to amend the Land-Use Bylaw in favour of the terminal and approval is received from Regional Council, Metro Transit will begin a detailed design. This will also involve public consultation and input.

Holiday Gift Giving Suggestions

Membership to the Canada Games Centre - A great idea would be a family or individual membership to the Canada Games Centre. The rates should be determined soon and in time for the purchase of a gift for the holiday season. Keep checking the Canada Games Centre website at www.halifax.ca/CanadaGamesCentre/ for details on membership packages.

Canada Winter Games 2011 Event Tickets - Tickets are now on sale and are going quickly, especially the gold medal events. If you are interested in the gold medals for hockey, curling, or boxing, I would suggest ordering now. Skiing at Ski Wentworth and Ski Martock and the long track speed skating on the Halifax Commons will be free. Look for a special event where the residents of HRM can join the Mayor and Council for a great outdoor skating party on the new oval. The ticket prices are very reasonable. There are also a variety of bundle packages that will include gold medal events, opening and closing ceremonies and much more. A sample of a single ticket in general seating is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and high school students or children. Ticket Atlantic is the selling agency. Please check the Canada Games website at www.canadagames2011.ca for more detailed information on the purchase of tickets.

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Chain of Lakes Trail Association



Last year, HRM purchased a portion of the abandoned rail line that ran alongside Joseph Howe Drive. Enough land was purchased to contain both a multi-use trail and an additional lane on Joseph Howe Drive. In the meantime, the Board representing the Chain of Lakes Trail was formed and Councillors Walker, Mosher and I are on the board. The board has met on a bi-weekly basis for the past few months and, with the help of the knowledgeable staff and residents, we have succeeded in producing a wonderful trail that is absolutely beautiful. It is progressing very well and a grand opening is being planned.

