

Lake Major Watershed Newsletter



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Why a Newsletter?

This newsletter is provided to the residents of the communities in the Lake Major Watershed to update them on matters affecting the watershed and HRWC activities. This newsletter was requested by the community members of the Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board and will be published twice per year.

Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board

As the Water Utility Operator, HRWC is committed, under the Nova Scotia Environment Act, to establishing a Source Water Protection Committee. The Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board (LMWAB) is the Source Water Protection Committee for the Lake Major Watershed. The LMWAB is made up of HRWC employees, representatives of government agencies and the communities in the watershed who all work together to protect and ensure the safety of the Lake Major Watershed Drinking Water Supply. If you have any concerns regarding the watershed you can bring them forward to your community rep and/or any member of the LMWAB. The LMWAB meets no less than three times per year and each issue brought forward will be discussed at the next Advisory Board Meeting.

Profile of Ron David, Sr.

Each issue of the Lake Major Watershed Newsletter will profile a board member. This issue features Ron David, Sr.

His extensive community service in North Preston includes a 21-year stint as a member of the Monitoring Committee Eastern Suburban Subsystem and past member of the Watershed Association/Lake Major Joint Action Committee. He has served as a trustee for the Allen W. Evans Nelson Whynder Elementary School for the past seventeen years and since 1991, has served as a volunteer fire fighter in the

Lake Major Watershed Advisory Board Members:

Halifax Regional Water Commission (2 members)
Nova Scotia Environment and Labour (1 member)
Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (1 member)
Halifax Regional Municipality (1 member)
Ron David - North Preston Community Representative, 441-6103
Gary Beals - Cherry Brook Community Representative, 462-3074
Dolly Williams - East Preston Community Representative, 462-0344
J.R. Mack McMenemy - Lake Major Community Representative, 434-6915

North Preston Fire Department.

Ron is a member of the North Preston Community RCMP Core Group and has worked with the RCMP to promote community policing. He takes pride in his role as an educator in the area and has been involved with the school board regarding race relations, cross cultural understanding and human rights.

He is currently the president of the North Preston Ratepayers Association and is an active member of the St. Thomas Baptist Church, serving as a trustee member, on the usher board and Men's Brotherhood.

As you can see, Ron has a strong commitment to improving both the environment and the community.

Recent Activities: Hurricane Juan Clean-Up

HRWC is still dealing with the clean-up of the after math of Hurricane Juan from 2003. The clean up has been delayed by to the quarantined Beetle Zone until recently. Up until the recent Ministerial Order changes in May of 2007, the spruce in the beetle zone could not move to a facility unless it was certified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or the facility fell inside the Beetle Zone. Unfortunately, there were no facilities within the old beetle zone. With the new Beetle Zone 5 facilities have been included.



Damage from Hurricane Juan

HRWC was able to clean up most of Lake Lamont prior to the new zone due to a government assistance program; however the program dried up before HRWC could move into the Lake Major clean-up.

HRWC plans on restarting the Lake Major Clean-Up program this year! The program will take approximately 2 years to complete as over 1,100 acres of HRWC land has been severely affected.

North Preston Annual Spring Clean-Up

HRWC would like to thank Ron David for his continued commitment to the Lake Major Watershed. Ron David has played a vital role ensuring the Lake Major Watershed remains a pristine water supply. The recent North Preston Annual Spring Clean-Up took place in May of 2007. Over a five day period Ron David and HRWC employees collected 1,890 lbs of garbage along the Lake Major/Long Lake Road Way.

North Preston Drinking Water Supply

Under the Provincial Drinking Water Strategy announced in 2002, HRWC is required to make a variety of water system improvements. One area of improvement is the upgrades to the North Preston Water Supply. Planning and design work is well underway and HRWC will be providing updates in the upcoming weeks. Phone 490-4835 for more information.

For more information please visit our website at www.hrwc.ca or contact (902) 869-4304.

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