

Your Tax Dollars at Work to Enhance Our Community!!

District 13 Capital Funds Thank You Notes

The St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association is a volunteer community group that is responsible for managing and maintaining the 32.5 km trail that runs between Lewis Lake and Hubbards.

In 2015, we began a plan to re-surface the entire trail, improve drainage and replace the decks of seven bridges. The trail had deteriorated quite badly since the initial construction in the late 1990's and early 2000's. We spoke with Councillor Whitman and discussed our plans with him in the fall of 2015. Councillor Whitman has been an enthusiastic supporter throughout the three years our recapitalization project. In 2018, we received a District 13 capital funding grant in the amount of \$8,500. These funds were used to help complete the project.

The St. Margaret's Bay Trail is well used by residents of community. We estimate that annually we have over 80,000 trail user visits near the Bike & Bean.

"SMBARTA thanks Councillor Whitman for his enthusiastic support throughout the three years of our ambitious recapitalization project."

Rick Muzyk, P.Eng., Vice-chair St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails Association.



The Hammonds Plains Historical Society is a non-profit society, established in 2010, to gather, preserve and share the rich history of Hammonds Plains. The society hosts five general meetings per year in which presentations are heard about the history of the area. The society received a \$700 district capital funding grant this past year to purchase a LCD projector and associated speakers. The new projector allows us the opportunity to do presentations in facilities that may not have technological equipment that isn't always compatible with our equipment. We have been able to show our PowerPoint presentations to groups within the past year using the new projector, promoting the history of the community. The Society Thanks Councillor Whitman for supporting our vision and mandate.'

Dave Haverstock

Hammonds Plains Historical Society




On behalf of the Hubbards Heritage Society, I would like to thank Matt for the \$2500 contribution from the district 13 capital funds to the restoration of the cenotaph commemorating the founding families of St. Margarets Bay. Had the work not been done in due haste, the winter storms would have completely ruined the cenotaph. Once again, many thanks.

Rhys Hamish, Director, Hubbards Heritage Society




The Hammonds Plains Disc Golf Club (HPDGC) is Halifax's only disc golf course located at 2092 Hammonds Plains Road. The course is 100% developed and maintained by volunteers through the use of District Capital Funding and local fundraising. The course is available for play 24/7/365 and is a free recreational activity accessible to anyone with a disc. Through the summer months we run events and leagues geared towards new players to learn the game and provide exposure for the sport. The course was first established in the fall of 2015 with an original 10-hole layout, but has since grown to a full 18 hole disc golf course. In 2018 the HPDGC received \$2,500 in District 13 capital funds to begin the installation of turfed tee pads. These district funds, in conjunction with Halifax C&D Recycling's donation of artificial turf, has allowed us to begin the process of replacing all the natural tee pads with turfed tee pads. This has provided HPDGC with safe and consistent tee pad surfaces on targeted holes which significantly increases the quality, and safety, of play. In disc golf, players place the most value on the quality of the baskets and tee pad surfaces and the district capital funds has allowed us an opportunity to create a fun and safe disc golf environment open for the entire community to enjoy."



Hammonds Plains Community Centre received \$5,000 in District 13 Capital funding which helped us replace worn out and uneven flooring. The new floor is level, reducing a trip hazard and safety. It has also enhanced the decor of the hall, resulting in an increase in rental enquiries and bookings. We are grateful for this support as it has directly enhanced the sustainability of the centre.

Steve Rowland

President



On behalf of the Board of the Neighbourhood Association of Uplands Park, I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to thank Matt for choosing to support the work of the Board by granting to us \$5,000 in 2018 from the district 13 capital funds.

We have used these funds to create a Memorial Garden as an adjunct to the Cenotaph area within the Park in Uplands Park. This garden area serves as an area for those visiting the cenotaph to appreciate both the beauty of the area and remember those who have served.

Thanks to the public funds granted to us and the support of HRM staff, we have been able to convert the Park area into a recreational destination not just for the residents of Uplands Park but for those from the Greater Hammonds Plains area every day.

Thank you, George Hudson, Acting President



We at the William Black Community Hall at Glen Margaret would like to thank HRM and Matt Whitman for the contribution of \$5770.00 towards the purchasing of the following items in 2018:

60 new chairs, A Phillips HeartStart Onsite – Ready Pack Defibrillator and Case.

This community hall is used by Brownies, Guides, Art groups, Church Suppers, Meetings, Elections (Federal and Provincial) etc. In the past a playground was installed for children 12 and under, which is used extensively. The community is very grateful for all the help HRM and Matt Whitman has given to us.

Thank you very much!

Wayne Redmond, Chairman of Trustees.




On behalf of the St. Margaret Sailing Club (SMSC) in Glen Haven, I would like to say thank you very much to Matt Whitman for the \$3000 district 13 capital fund contribution to the 2018 Canadian Laser National Championship. The Laser and Laser Radial are Olympic single-handed sailing classes for men and women. This event was the class National Championship, which was an important milestone in competitors' development program and selection for further advancement.

The regatta attracted many visitors to HRM. A total of 174 sailors from 8 Canadian provinces and 5 US States participated in the event, which was held in conjunction with the annual Bay Wind Regatta. 59 races (combined, all fleets) were successfully completed over three days in July. Very positive feedback about the event was received from competitors, coaches, volunteers and visitors.


The legacy left by the regatta includes much-needed upgrades to the club's coach dock, a new engine for one of the coach boats, and the experience gained by our provincial athletes.

Regards,

Alex MacPhee, Bay Wind Regatta Co-chair



Hubbards Radio Society is a not for profit organization that was founded in 2010 for the purpose of establishing and operating a community owned FM radio station. In 2014 HRS was granted a licence by the CRTC to operate a new community FM station. The station was officially launched in early 2016 and covers all of District 13. Cove FM provides a local voice, and offers community access to the airwaves. The station is 100% operated by volunteers from within the communities we cover. The record hot temperatures last summer made it clear that we needed to install air conditioning in our studio to protect the equipment from damage and make it more comfortable for our volunteers, however, we had no budget to do this. We are very thankful that Matt Whitman provided capital funding of \$4900 to pay for heat pumps that will keep both our equipment cool and volunteers comfortable, while creating programming and providing local information to the communities we serve.



Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts - summer arts festival of local artists and artisans taking place in the St. Margaret's Bay area. Three events include an Opening Night Gala, the Studio Tour and Paint Peggy's Cove.

We received \$1500 from the district 13 capital funds. We used this to repair and replace sandwich board signs advertising the Festival. As well, funds were used for expenses in setting up a Festival Information Centre in Upper Tantallon. Banners, lights and table coverings are examples of expenses.

The Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts has become a tourism destination event in the St. Margaret's Bay region, encompassing 21 communities within the HRM along the south shore. The District 13 Capital Funding donation from Councillor Whitman helped with the success of this event.

Thanks

Debbie



We received \$5000 for updating the hall with kitchen appliances and replacing electrical ceiling fixtures.

We have appreciated this funding from Matt Whitman and the district 13 capital funds, and would like to thank him as we are able to continue soup days which we offer the last Friday of each month. (Sept.-June)

We have maintained our hall for available community rentals. Presently, spinning classes are being offered in the hall during the week.

St. Andrews and St. Marks United Church Hall, Ingramport, NS.



On behalf of BayRides and our many riders who benefit from our service, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support and funding contributions this year. The financial support provided through the district 13 capital funding program helped fund the purchase of a larger bus and a new van to meet the growing demands for our service.

BayRides is a not-for-profit organization that offers accessible, affordable, door-to-door transportation in St. Margaret's Bay, from West Dover to Yankeetown Rd., Hammonds Plains; and from Hubley (Exit 4 on Hwy 103) to Queensland. BayRides is experiencing phenomenal growth. In 2018/19 we are on track to provide over 8,900 rides and cover 170,000 km. The incredible growth we are experiencing demonstrates the vital importance of this service to the St. Margaret's Bay area.

BayRides received \$12,977.82 in District 13 Capital Funding, \$5,000 of which was used to support the purchase of a new accessible 14-passenger bus to replace the aging 8-passenger bus. The remaining \$7,977.82 was used towards the purchase of a Dodge Caravan, increasing BayRides' fleet to four vehicles, needed to support the extraordinary increase in demand for our service.

The new vehicles will allow BayRides to service more riders in the area, thereby, increasing connection to the community and essential services. Specifically, the new bus will allow us to increase our capacity for the Seniors Grocery Shuttle, and regular group services. BayRides has seen an increase in demand for service in getting individuals to and from work each day. The increased capacity with the addition of the van to the fleet will help us to meet the peak demand periods in the morning and afternoons.

Thank you again for your support. I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the transportation needs of our community are being met.

Sincerely yours,

Patty King

Executive Director