



Summer has arrived and with it, many opportunities for you to enjoy all that HRM, and District 11, has to offer. There are many exciting events planned throughout the district, too numerous to mention in the space I have allotted. Some have already taken place such as the various Canada Day events; other upcoming events include the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Greystone Youth Day, Family Fun Day in Prospect and the Blessing of the Boats in Terence Bay. A huge thank-you to all community volunteers who work so hard on our behalf to provide such family-fun

events. Our many community facilities also offer summer programs and I encourage you to look into what is being offered at the Captain William Spry Centre, Prospect Road Community Centre as well as the Harrietsfield-Williamswood Centre.



HRM, and District 11, has many trails, parks, beaches and recreation areas for you to explore and enjoy (see <http://www.halifax.ca/municipalops/Parks.html> for more detail). As you visit these areas, please remember to be respectful of others and "*Leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but pictures, kill nothing but time.*" As you enjoy our many lakes and inlets, please take care to handle your watercraft responsibly so as not to create large wakes that could damage property, such as wharves, or create hazardous conditions for swimmers/smaller crafts. Also be sure to have a personal flotation device for each person in the boat/watercraft. Being respectful of others ensures a great time is had by all.



HRM maintains over 530 hectares of land which includes parks, playgrounds, schools, cemeteries, sport fields and right-of-ways. In regard to grass maintenance, HRM has a mowing schedule that commenced on May 5<sup>th</sup> and concludes on October 19<sup>th</sup>, a total of 24 weeks. Similar to the snow removal classification and scheduling system for streets and roads, there is a classification system for grass maintenance. Areas are rated from Class AA to D and depending on the classification, the mowing schedule may be twice weekly to monthly – sport/ball fields are included in all classifications. Examples of Class AA (twice weekly) areas would be some ball fields; Class A (weekly) would be regional/district parks and cemeteries;

Class B (bi-weekly) areas would include community/neighbourhood parks, HRM facilities, right-of-ways on arterial and major roads; Class C (bi-weekly) areas include right-of-ways on minor roads; Class D (monthly) areas include some ball/sport fields. The ability to maintain a schedule is dependent on weather. For information on the condition of your favorite field and whether or not it is open, you may visit the HRM recreation field conditions webpage at:

[http://halifax.ca/rec/field\\_conditions.asp](http://halifax.ca/rec/field_conditions.asp) or call 3-1-1.



I have received many calls and questions in regard to the condition of the Old Sambro Road. I am pleased to announce that road work will be done this summer along the HRM portion, Dentith Road to the Herring Cove Road (civic numbers 1 to 490). A thin overlay and painting of pavement markings will be done with an expected completion date of July 10, 2013. The provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (DOT) is responsible for the

remaining portion of the Old Sambro Road, civic numbers 490 to 3815, and they have also scheduled work along this route such as the painting of pavement markings. For more information on provincial road work, please call the Beechville office of the DOT at 450-5281. I have also received many calls in regard to the pavement cuts on Herring Cove Road in the 900 block area. Those cuts have been made to allow for infrastructure for the new developments off the Herring Cove Road. In the interim, staff has noted that they will attempt to make this area less “jarring” until the area can be repaved. I ask that for your safety, and the safety of others, that you reduce your speed when approaching road construction areas.



In August, I will hold a meeting with community leaders of varied interests and expertise from throughout District 11. The purpose of this meeting is to offer an opportunity for community stakeholders to discuss common issues such as public wharves, recreation, business improvement, lighthouses

and other areas of mutual interest. In my travels through the district, I hear many concerns raised that are shared by others. With residents working together, we can help find long-term solutions, and perhaps find cost-savings for community groups. My intent is to have the Community Champions Group meet on a quarterly basis, to help improve our communities. The Community Champions Group may become a template for others to follow.